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Experts suspect pilot error

### Crash Airbus programmed to fly too low'

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE pilots of an Airbus jet that crashed into a French mountain killing 87 people probably programmed the aircraft to fly too low.

As a five-man commission began its enquiry into Monday night's accident, safety experts tried to recreate on simulators the last minutes of the Air Inter flight from Lyons to Strasbourg. Their efforts suggest that the A320's "fly-bywire" computer technology was not to blame.

Nine people — including children aged 13 months and nine and a flight attendant were in hospital yesterday after a rescue operation described by one survivor as a shambles. Some who escaped from the aircraft are thought to have frozen to death waiting for help.

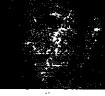
All the survivors had been in the real of the jet, which disappeared from radar



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of all



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screens at 7.20pm on Monday. They were found nearly five hours later, huddled round burning fueselage.

The rescue organisation was a shambles," a survivor said from his hospital bed yesterday, while Marc Frey, a glazier from the nearby village of Barr who was the first to find the wreckage, said it had taken medical services an hour to reach the spot after he alerted paramilitary gendarmes, who were not equipped to move the injured.
One of the wounded had bandaged himself to try to stop bleeding. He died wait-

ing to be rescued." Yesterday, about a thousand rescuers continued to comb the crash site on Mont Sainte-Odile in temperatures of 14F (-10C), but they held no hope of finding anyone alive. Police and soldiers meanwhile recovered bodies from the fuselage and took them to a makeshift chapel in an assembly hall at Barr. But one policeman said: 'There are those who will never re-cover their loved ones."

Investigators have found the aircraft's two flight re-corders and these have been sent to Paris. France's transport minister, Paul Quiles, said a commission of enquiry had been appointed and would produce an initial report within a month.

The pilot, Christian Hecquei, and his co-pilot had 14,000 hours of flying experience between them, but had flying Caravelles to the Airbus. The crashed jet, which went into service in 1988, had had a maintenance

check on Monday morning. Computers are capable of operating all flight controls on the Airbus, other than altitude, but David Velupillai of the manufacturer, Airbus Industrie, said: "If you program it to fly into a mountain. it will." The aircraft will prevent the pilot making a maneouvre outside of its built-in "safety envelope", but ... it cannot tell the pilot that he is heading for a mountain

until a few seconds before

impact, when lights and buzz-ers alert him that !-- is close to

the ground.
The Air Inter jet should have been at about 9,000 ft as it approached Strasbourg airport. The minimum altitude for any aircraft in that area is 4.700 ft, but the Airbus crashed into the mountain-side at no more than 2,500 it. Experts working on simula-tors yesterday believe that the pilot may have thought he was nearer the runway than he was, and pushed the "open descent' button that would take the aircraft to a preprogrammed altitude. Otherwise, he might have forgotten about the peaks and pro-grammed a "normal descent" putting him on a crash

Jean-Paul Maurel, genera secretary of the French pilots' union, said the aircraft had been on a normal approach path, well above the Vosges peaks when it suddenly plunged and hit the ground in less than a minute. Pierre Cota, a survivor, sf 1: "I thought we had hit another plane on the runway because we thought were were landing. There was no warning, no sign of trou-ble. We simply broke up in the trees.

"There was a lot of noise and flames. I grabbed the boy next to me and went out through a hole in the plane into the snow. We kept warm by the fires that were going. We heard some moaning. people calling for help, but we

Another survivor, Nicolas Skourias, said he and others walked about 150 yards from the plane and waited for two hours, fearing an explosion. "We were freezing. We were too scared to go back and look for blankets. Then we decided that it would be too stupid to survive a plane crash and freeze to death, so we re-turned to the plane."

Three Airbus 320s have crashed since the aircraft came into service four years ago. In both previous cases, pilot error was blamed.

Survivors' ordeal, page 9

#### Driver's death takes bomb toll to eight

THE driver of the minibus ing. Richard Needham, econcarrying construction workers blown up by the IRA in Cookstown, Co Tyrone, on Friday died of his wounds yesterday, bringing the total deaths in the bombing to

The death of Oswald Gilchrist, aged 44. of Magherafeit. Co Londonderry, came as hundreds of workers gathered to protest against the attack. At a rally in Cookstown, Terry Carlin, Northern Ireland officer of the Irish Congress of Trades Unions, said that everyone had a right to life and to work. Meanwhile, Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, returned to the province after his offer to resign on Monday over his appearance on an Irish television chat

show hours after the bomb-

By Edward Gorman, ireland correspondent omy minister at Stormont, said that Mr Major had been right not to accept the resignation.

However, some unionists,

led by Ian Paisley, leader of

the Democratic Unionist Party, have labelled Mr Brooke a lame duck and claim that he has irretrievably lost the confidence of Protestants. Mr Major surprised MPs yesterday by failing to give unequivocal backing to maintaining the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement (Robin Oakley writes). Meanwhile, it emer-ged that the government has not ruled out the reintroduc-

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tion of internment.



Rescuers carrying a survivor from the wreckage of the French Airbus. "The rescue organisation was a shambles," one passenger said

#### Gorbachev phone calls revealed by KGB log

Moscow News reveals Mr Gorbachev's secret talks with the plotters, reports Mary Dejevsky

HOW much did Mikhail Gorbachev really know about the August coup? He has said that he knew nothing. But previously unknown teleon the eve of the coup, all logged by KGB agents, suggest a different story.

Mr Gorbachev says that the day of August 18 (the day before the coup) began normally at his Crimean villa at Foros: sea, rest and work. There were a few telephone calls. He talked to Gennadi Yanayev, the vice-president, to the first secretary of the Ukrainian Communist party and to the president of the scientific industrial league.

According to Mr Gorbachev in his book on the coup. they discussed "current business" — and he is telling the truth. Moscow News has the evidence in the duty records of the KGB government com-munications directorate, which logged the calls of senior officials and listened to them. Mr Gorbachev's conversations on that day for some reason, went through the normal city telephone network, even though senior Continued on page 20, col 2

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### Coal jewel threatened as 1,300 jobs are axed

By PETER DAVENPORT

NEARLY 1,300 jobs are to go at four of the most modern pits in the Yorkshire coalfield. British Coal briefed union leaders yesterday and last night the decision caused anger among miners, with accusations of betrayal and allegations that they were a preparation for the privatisa-

tion of the industry. Miners at the collieries involved are to be officially told ings today. British Coal officials insisted that the cuts were necessary to streamline the industry so that it would remain competitive in an increasingly right market.

Although no official figures for the number of jobs to go will be given until today, it was reliably reported last night that it will mean 1,300 men will be handing in their helmets.

Coalfield sources said that 450 men were to go from the 1.610 workforce at Kellingley colliery, the largest in Britain, 250 from the 900 men at the Prince of Wales pit at Pontefract, 350 from Sharlston, near Wakefield, about a third of the present number, and a further 300 of the 495 miners at the Whitemoor pit in the

new, £1.4 billion Selby complex, once the jewel in the crown of the industry. Details of the losses were given to union leaders at the quarterly review meeting at the headquarters of the British Coal's North Yorkshire group at Allerton Bywater, near Castleford. They should have remained confidential until today's pit-head meet-

Mining unions had been expecting bad news since before Christmas, but the reaction at the pits was instant and angry. One man accused British Coal of betrayal. There are many young men here, tempted to the pit by British Coal, who are mortgaged up to the hilt, and then this happens," he said. "We have been kicked in the

ings but the details leaked

teeth.' Ken Capstick, vice-president of the Yorkshire NUM, accused British Coal of butchering the industry and leaving it at the mercy of foreign imports. William O'Brien, the Labour MP whose Normanton constituency takes in Sharlston colliery, said the knock-on effects of the losses would result in a total of 2,500 jobs disappearing. Alan Houghton, the group director for the Selby complex, said last night: 8"The streamlining is essential if the pits are to remain competitive. The contracts with the electricity generators expire in March next year, and our policy is to make the Selby group strong enough to claim a major market share with the new contracts come into

It is not clear what the future now holds for Whitemoor, one of the five new pits in the Selby complex which has faced unexpectedly difficult and expensive geological problems. It has only been in operation for four vears and there have been rumours it might close altogether.

It is intended that all the jobs will go by voluntary redundancy and miners are being offered a £10,000 bonus if they finish before the end of March.

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#### INSIDE

### Truce in

Georgia
Forces loyal to the president of Georgia; Zviad Gamsakhurdia, yesterday agreed a truce with troops of the government that toppled him, agreeing to lay down weapons and arrange further peace talks.

Last night it was not certain that the ceasefire, arranged in an area backing Mr Gamsakhurdia's 

#### Officer knifed

Ian Fowler, aged 46, who knifed a man in the face during a row over the fallen daughter of John Cordle, a former Tory MP, was sent to prison for a year for wounding Lt-Col Francis Gibbon, of the Royal Regi-ment of Artillery.... Page 3

#### Dirty ruling

The European Court declared that Britain has failed to bring drinking water up to EC standards by failing to implement a 1980 directive on time and failing to meet stringent EC rules for levels of nitrates ...... Page 2

**Life of Picasso wins** Whitbread award

BY DANIEL JOHNSON. LITERARY EDITOR

JOHN Richardson's Life of Picasso last night became the 1991 Whitbread Book of the Year. The author collected a cheque for £20,500 at a banquet in the City of London. Unlike the longer-established Booker Prize, which is

restricted to novels, the Whitbread Book of the Year is chosen from among the £2,000 winners of each of five categories: novels, first novels, children's novels, biographies and poetry.

Nicholas Mosley, one of the judges, who resigned from the Booker Prize judges last year, said afterwards that there had been "no acrimo-

ny among the celebrity panel for the Whitbread.

The other four 1991 finalnovel, by Gordon Burn, Harvev Angell, children's novel, by Diana Hendry, The Life of Picasso by John Richardson,

four-volume biography of Picasso was the favourite to win. praise and promises to supplant Roland Penrose's life as

ists were: Queen of the Tambourine, novel, by Jane Gardam, Alma Cogan, first

and Gorse Fires, poetry, by Michael Longley. The first volume of John Richardson's long-awaited It has received widespread

the standard work.

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#### Day 244, and the £3m trial is almost over 1990. The case was sent direct to the ed to have cost £3 million and has engendered some remarkable statis-BY FRANCES GIBB

LEGALCORRESPONDENT

THE wheels of justice grind slowly by tradition, but the fraud case drawing to a close this week at Nottingham crown court will break records for a criminal trial in England and Wales

Margaret Thatcher was still at No 10. Mikhail Gorbachev was still in power and, although Saddam Hussein had invaded Kuwait, the Gulf war was months away when the trial began in September 1990. Today, in its 244th day, those involved could be forgiven for breathing a huge sigh of relief, knowing that their ordeal is all but over. They are also likely to be congratulated by the judge for endur-

ing such a marathon.
The trial which involves 27 charges of fraud, theft and obtaining monies by false deception, has been running for 16 months. It is estimat-

been so long because of its complexity, the sheer volume of evidence and the huge number of witnesses.

For the jury, the 15 or so lawyers involved, and the judge, Mr Justice Potter, the trial has become a way of life. One QC has rented a flat, others stay in hotels. They have taken off only 36 working days since the trial began on September 10, for holiday or illness of one of the defendants. The judge is summing up and the jury is expected to retire at the end of this week. By the time it brings its verdicts, the trial will probably have clocked up nearly 17 months.

The prosecution arises over the proposed development of a theme park at Britannia Park, Ilkeston. Derbyshire. Five defendants have been charged with various offences relating to £4.5 million of the funds for developing the park. The trial has

ties. There have been 509 statements taken from 375 witnesses, producing a total of 5,000 pages. There are 2,275 documentary exhibits, running to 14,000 pages. Witnesses have come from throughout the country. and from Saudi Arabia, Jersey, the

United States, Belgium and Cyprus. The jury, which has gone the distance with only one member dropping out, has coped remarkably well. by all accounts, aided by individual computer screens on which each item of evidence has been displayed. avoiding the need for waiting while each thumbs through bundles to locate the relevant page.

The initial complaint was made to police in July 1986. A team was set up in October 1986, and arrests were made in September 1988. There were four preliminary hearings, in July 1989, and February, June and July

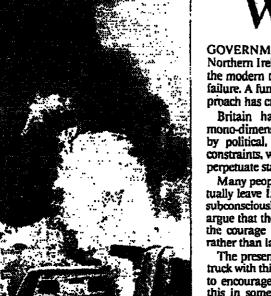
crown court. Despite the length of time of the

hearing, it has taken place largely out of the public eye, with minimal press coverage, although Lord Lane. Lord Chief Justice, in his speech at the Mansion House last July, warned of the growing incidence of "mega trials" and in particular alluded to the Nottingham trial, which by the time it was finished would have "occupied Mr Justice Mark Potter for a year or more".

With the royal commission on criminal justice now sitting, the trial is certain to refuel the debate on whether juries should be kept for long fraud trials or whether, as Lord Roskill's committee proposed, they should be heard by a tribunal of a judge with two lay assessors.

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### Why Britain balks at Ulster's 'inevitable' solution



Going up in smoke: a sadly

GOVERNMENT political policy on Northern Ireland since the beginning of the modern troubles has been an abject failure. A fundamentally unchanged approach has crashed and crashed again.

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Britain has become trapped in a mono-dimensional strategy, hemmed in by political, emotional and historical constraints, which has done nothing but perpetuate stalemate and misery.

Many people believe Britain will eventually leave Ireland - something it has subconsciously long wanted to do — and argue that the government should show the courage to face this reality sooner rather than later.

The present government will have no truck with this since it believes to do so is to encourage Republican violence. But this in some respects is itself allowing violence to influence and control political

Withdrawal does not necessarily have to end in a Republican "victory" or, for that matter, a bloodbath. It may well have the opposite effect and bring to an end the uncertainty on which killers feed. Withdrawal would undoubtedly be welcomed in Britain. Opinion polls have

In the last of a series examining possible answers to the Northern Ireland question, Edward Gorman considers the likelihood of a British withdrawal

that a clear majority has lost patience with intransigence in Northern Ireland and with what it sees as the wasteful loss of soldiers' lives. The most recent found that 61 per cent favoured a withdrawal.

Many people clearly do not accept that Northern Ireland should be anything other than a legitimate part of a unified Irish state. If, as many believe, Britain's exit from Ireland is an historical inevitability, what is the justification for delay?

Withdrawal has immediate benefits from an exclusively British point of view. It would put an end to the loss of British lives in Northern Ireland, Britain and in Europe and save the £2 billion spent each year to keep Ulster afloat. It would also bring an end to the embarrassment of human rights abuses and corruptions of the legal system which the struggle to fight a war within a civil society has forced on Britain. It would also make strategic sense because there is no longer any need for a British-led Nato presence

on the western side of the Irish Sea. Control of the western approaches can now be exercised from Scotland. In addition there seems to be no

prospect of Britain ever defeating the IRA and, in spite of occasional claims to the contrary, no prospect of the IRA The main problem with withdrawal

has always been fear of the consequences
— in particular that Britain would leave a vacuum that would be filled by a civil war more destructive than anything seen in the past 22 years. For this reason, among others, present

policy envisages a withdrawal only by agreement with all concerned. But it is likely that this consensus will not come of its own accord within at least the next 50 years. Probably the only way Britain could secure the conditions to leave would be by galvanising Protestant opinion, in particular, through an irreversible declaration of intent to leave. The bloodbath scenario, with a possible vio-lent repartition, is likely only if Britain withdraws without warning and literally overnight. In reality a withdrawal would be phased over years, giving ample scope for all sides to find ways of avoiding warfare and to make acceptable new arrangements. Those might range from a unitary state, through devolution within Ireland and various federal models, to an attempt at independence or repartition, creating a smaller Protestant "statelet".

It is worth noting that the only com-prehensive study of the actual methanisms of a British withdrawal (Rowthorn & Wayne 1988) concluded that Protestants would not fight once it had become clear to them that Britain was leaving and would not reverse the decision.

Why is Britain not pursuing this policy? Successive governments have allowed policy to become paralysed by the democratic argument that they would do nothing without the consent of the Protestant majority in Northern Ireland. Governments have always been responsive to acute concern in Dublin. and among nationalists in Northern Ireland about the consequences of a

Labour plans more openly for eventual disengagement, but has shown no inclination to advocate withdrawał without prior consent from all main players.

Two additional factors are often overlooked. The first is that British governments have consistently avoided doing anything dramatic about Ireland and have sought to contain the problem and solve it within existing constraints - an approach that has failed. The second point is that no prime minister is likely to voluntarily adopt a policy that would let the Irish Question dominate his or her term at Number 10.

Writing in the New Statesman 20 years ago. Paul Johnson made an observation which the passage of time has done little to discredit. "In Ireland over the centuries we have tried every possible formula, he wrote. "Direct rule, indirect rule, genocide, apartheid, puppet parliaments, real parliaments, martial law, civil law, colonisation, land reform and partition. Nothing has worked. The only solution we have not tried is absolute and unconditional withdrawal.

Eighth man dies, page l

#### TV host apologises for Brooke debacle

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GAY Byrne opened his daily radio show yesterday by telling his one million listeners that he wanted to apologise unreservedly for any offence caused during an appearance by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, on his television show last

It was Mr Byrne who per-suaded, even cajoled, Mr Brooke into singing on RTE's Late, Late Show, just hours after seven Protestant workmen were killed by an a bomb in Co Tyrone.

Mr Byrne said it was untrue that he had no regrets about his role. He praised Mr Brooke for apologising in the House of Commons. "I have no difficulty or hesitation whatsoever," he said, "in associating myself with that apology, absolutely, un-reservedly, and in expressing regret to anybody in the north of Ireland who might have been offended by anything he did, or we did, or I

Mr Byrne said that, with hindsight, he believed it would have been better for Mr Brooke not to have appeared on the show, once news of the bombing came through, but that his "inate good manners and courtest prevented him from going

back on his word. Mr Byrne, aged 57, from a working class Dublin background, and the father of two adopted daughters, has been a central feature in everyone's lives in Ireland for 30 years. There is no one in Britain who has achieved through the media the kind of prominence he enjoys in Ireland, and he has a great power to influence. According to Ireland's Who's Who. "grey-haired man with fox terrier looks and a quiet but forceful personality ...

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Wool jacket

Blouse

Knitwear

Cashmere/wool jacket

exerts more influence and controls more power than almost any politician or public

figure in the country".

His critics say that this has engendered an occasional arrogance and forcefulness which perhaps lay behind the debacle with Mr Brooke. They also charge him with being condescending,

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smarmy and occasionally insensitive — again evident in the Brooke appearance, when he asked bluntly about Mr Brooke's first wife, who died some years ago.

He can, however, also be warm and compassionate and is always a great enter-tainer, always in control of his audience, and has somehow managed to remain interesting to his public for

three decades.
"Gaybo", as he is known, has always been unstinting in his condemnation of the IRA and of the bigotry and hatred which have fuelled the troubles. Like many liberal-minded Dubliners, he has no particular interest in a united Ireland, or distrust of



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### Agent's life at risk if supergun hearing is televised, MPs told

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

A MINISTER has warned MPs investigating the Iraqi supergun affair that they will endanger the life of a British military intelligence agent if they insist on questioning him today in front of tele-

A serious dispute broke out among MPs on the Commons trade and industry committee yesterday after Alan Clark, the defence procurement minister, begged them privately not to go ahead with a full, televised interrogation of Bill Weir.

Mr Weir has been mentioned in the enquiry by executives of Walter Somers, the firm that built giant tubes for the supergun, as a Ministry of Defence contact. The executives said that the Tory MP Sir Hal Miller gave them Mr Weir's name and telephone number in the 'spooks' department" to get official clearance for the contract.

The ministry agreed to allow Mr Weir to appear today providing that pictures of the hearing were not "flashed around the world" on television screens, according to a Westminster source. Mr Weir is described as a materials scientist, although the committee MPs regard Mr Clark's warning as confirmation that he is a senior intelligence officer who vets sensitive contracts.

The latest twist in the bizarre affair has provoked the first challenge to the decision

#### Iraqi arms end up as museum pieces

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE Iraqi supergun parts. now at the centre of a Commons trade and industry committee enquiry, have been lying in an RAF hangar in the Midlands since being impounded two years ago. They are likely to end up as military exhibits in a The eight steel pipes were

April 1990 by customs officers who claimed that they were parts for a giant gun which could be capable of firing nuclear or chemical shells hundreds of miles. Sheffield Forgemasters, a

seized at Teesside docks in

company involved in making the steel pipes, insisted they were for Iraq's petro-chemical industry. Directors of the firm were arrested but no charges were brought. Two weeks ago customs applied to the High Court for a condem-

nation order which would allow them to destroy the pipes. The order was granted. During the court hearing, an Iraqi official was present. The court decision meant that the owners of the supergun parts, the Iraqi industry ministry which had paid for the steel pipes, no longer had any legal

right to them.

dence to the Commons select committee about what they knew of Iraq's plans to build superguns. Last week, Dr Christopher Cowley, the British metallurgist who used to work with the late Gerald Bull, the Canadian-born designer of the supergun, claimed that the Israeli Mossad organisation had killed Dr Bull in his Brussels flat with the British government's

Today defence ministry

officials will be giving evi-

to televise select committees. The broadcasting supervisor, John Grist, annoyed the television companies and the committee chairman, Kenneth Warren, by rejecting their compromise agreement to televise the hearing but show only the back of Mr

Mr Grist went directly to Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, who apparently ruled out the compromise and advised the committee to decide simply whether to hold the hearing in private or public. The broadcasting rules are not regarded as wide enough to sanction anything else. It is also unclear whether the press, public and radio stations could be allowed in if the cameras were kept out.

When Mr Warren reported to his committee, MPs could not agree. After a private meeting with Alan Clark. they still could not decide and will hold another meeting this morning before telling Mr Weir whether or not the session will be televised.

Mr Weir was briefly filmed next to the alleged supergun when he was a member of the United Nations team sent to Iraq to report on Saddam Hussein's nuclear and chemical capability. According to one committee MP, Mr Clark argued that there was a difference between a six-second slot

and a full televised hearing.

The latest hurdle in the MPs' enquiry confirms their belief that all paths lead back to the role played in the con-tracts by Sir Hal and British intelligence. Sir Hal. MP for Bromsgrove, has twice refused to appear before the committee to explain why he acted as the conduit between Walter Somers and the defence ministry.

The committee is expected to decide later today whether to make a special report asking the Commons to order Sir Hal to give evidence.



Pollution protest: a young demonstrator at the environment department, London, yesterday

#### Court finds Britain guilty of water failure FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

Signor Ripa di Meana atcourt normally follows its se-

REDUCTIONS THE government lost the latest round of its long fight with the European Commission over water purity yesterday when the European Court de-clared that Britain has failed ALL STOCK HALF PRICE OR LESS to bring drinking water up to EC standards. HARRODS The court's advocate-gener-USUAL

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al. Carl Otto Lenz, found that Britain had not implemented. a 1980 water directive on £289 time and failed to ensure that drinking water met stringent £219 EC rules for maximum levels of nitrates. Mr Lenz's opinion £199 is not the court's last word: final judgment will be given £179

nior official's advice. Michael Heseltine, the environment Secretary, who was visiting EC officials in Brus-

sels yesterday would not comment on the court's view, which he said that he had not seen, adding that the legal action had not come up in his discussions with Carlo Ripa di Meana, the EC environment commissioner. Mr Heseltine said that they had agreed that officials would meet to try to cool the argument between Britain and the commission over seven major in about two months but the construction projects which

tempted to stop last year. Yesterday's court opinion

on tap water is the first time in Britain's 20-year membership of the community that it has been found guilty of disobeying environmental laws. Britain is the second EC state to be condemned: Belgium lost a court case over lead levels in drinking water two years ago. Every member state except Portugal faces EC commission prosecutions over drinking and bathing water. Portugal escapes because it is not required to meet EC rules until 1993.

Britain faces an additional prosecution over whether the government can exempt privatised water companies from deadlines for meeting

EC standards. The case is more a clash of wills between London and Brussels than a dispute about health risk. Britain does not dispute that water in 28 areas, supplied to around 800,00 people in East Anglia, exceeds the EC limit of 50mg of nitrates per litre. British law requires the same safety level but the argument between successive EC comronment ministers has been about how much time newly privatised British water companies should be allowed to improve purification.

High levels of nitrate occur in eastern England because of the heavy use of fertilisers on relatively dry soil. Two years ago, the government, worried that court action would lower the value of the water authorities, made an unsuccesful last minute attempt to delay proceedings.

The water directive was passed unanimously by all 12 EC states in 1980 and governments were expected to comply by 1985. The EC Commission began proceedings against London in 1989, after a complaint from Friends of the Earth, which has campaigned against privatisation and plans for safety monitoring and timetable for better purification.

Mr Heseltine attacked the French government for delaying the foundation of a new European environmental agency. Paris, he said, was playing politics over the dismbution of EC institutions between various European cities and the new agency would be at work now bur for French obstruction. France is refusing to agree the siting of several new EC institutions until Strasbourg is confirmed as the home of the European parliament

#### **Solicitors** to boycott duty rota scheme

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

SOLICITORS are to take industrial action for the first time ever in protest at government plans for a new system of fixed fees for magistrates

ourts legal aid work. The decision by lawyers in Devon and Cornwall and in Teesside not to man the duty rota scheme in March comes as solicitors throughout England and Wales prepare for their first mass lobby of Parliament over the proposals.

Lawyers specialising in legal aid work will join in what is effectively a day of "inaction" on March 12 when they will hold a raily at Westminster Central Hall and lobby MPs. Courts are being asked not to adjourn or remand cases to that day.

A Law Society spokesman said: "This is the first mass rally by solicitors, or by the Law Society, in our history."

Some 2,000 solicitors are ected at the protest. Most will defer a decision on industrial action like that in Devon until they hear the Lord Clashfern, who is to address the meeting to explain the thinking behind replacing hourly-rate payment with

Yesterday, Lord Mackay's officials confirmed that April l was looking "increasingly unlikely" as the date for the new system to start. Officials have conceded there are some defects in the data on which the proposals are based.

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#### **Prisoners flee** on way to court

Three prison officers and two inmates were injured yesterday when six prisoners es-caped from a coach carrying them from Walton jail to Liverpool magistrates' court. Four were recaptured within an hour, but James Moore, aged 21. and Thomas McMullin, aged 33, were still at large last night.

As the bus carrying 15 prisoners was travelling through Bootle, a number of men suddenly attacked the officers. Two officers were cut, another was beaten up, a prisoner was slashed across the throat and another suffered a broken jaw.

#### Homeless aid Mentally ill people sleeping

rough in London are to be helped with an extra £8 million over the next three years, bringing the total spent to £20 million by 1994-5. William Waldegrave, the health secretary, said yesterday. The money will go on short-term hostel places and community psychiatric teams to increase support for those moving from hostels to a more permanent place to live.

#### Breath of air

All ten national parks in England and Wales are to be run by independent authorities on the lines of those already established in the Peak District and the Lake District. David Trippier, environment minister, said that the new authorities would have responsibility for detailed planning in their areas.

#### GP fund role

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Family doctors are to be given an increased role in buying hospital care for their patienis, William Waldegrave, health secretary, said yester-day. Almost 15,000 GPs will become eligible to hold their own budgets for buying hospital care from April 1993, under an expansion of the GP

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Farm waste 'may have to be controlled'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

ONE in three farms in England and Wales pollutes rivers or lakes or is in danger of doing so, according to the National Rivers Authority. In some areas the ratio is two in three, it said in a report pub-

lished yesterday. The authority says existing controls do not work and that waste discharged by farms might have to be limited by law in the same way as the waste from other industries. Since 1979, farm pollution

incidents reported to the au-

thority have doubled from

1.500 a year to just over

3,000, the report says. But that figure measures only a small part of the pollution caused by farms, much of which goes unnoticed, such as fertiliser and chemical runoff from farmland. Although farming ac-

counts for only 12 per cent of all reported water pollution, it is responsible for 36 per cent of the most serious incidents. the report says. In terms of their ability to poison water by removing oxygen, animal slurry is 90 times, silage liquor 170 times and milk 400 times more polluting than

untreated human sewage. Animal waste, including excrement and the washings of farmyards and dairy parlours. accounts for 87 per cent of farm pollution. Some 200 million tonnes are spread on farmland annually.

Pollution from pesticides and nitrate fertilisers is harder to measure, the authority says. It recommends that pesticide manufacturers should pay a levy to fund the cost of more research into diseaseresistant crops and into the use of natural predators to control pests. The report says

compulsory limits on fertiliser and pesticide use may have to be imposed in vulnerable areas such as East Anglia, where chemicals are able to seep down quickly to underground water.

In response to the report, John Gummer, the agriculture minister, announced a pilot study to test the efficacy of waste management plans. They would be tailor-made for each farm and would specify when, where and in what quantities farmers should spread wastes in order to avoid water pollution".

### Man knifed colonel in dispute over ex-MP's daughter

Knightsbridge crown court

that he refused to believe the

minicab driver's claim, made

by Barry Cliff for the defence,

that he was "shocked" and

that he was "shocked" and bitterly regretted what he had done. "I don't believe him," the judge said, pointing out that when Fowler had seen the colonel bandaged in hospital he had described him as "looking like a prai".

The attack conversed in

The attack occurred in

Wandsworth Bridge Road,

Fulham, west London, in Au-

gust last year as Col Gibbon, of Poplar, east London, was

taking Miss Cordle out to dinner. During Fowler's two-

day trial, the jury was told that she had 13 convictions

between 1977 and 1990 for

A MAN who knifed an army colonel in the face during a confrontation over the fallen daughter of a former MP was sent to prison for a year yesterday. Ian Fowler, aged 46, a minicab driver, was convicted of unlawfully wounding Lt-Col Francis Gibbon, aged 45, of the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

The woman at the centre of the case, Sophie Cordle, aged 33, who has drugs and prostitution convictions, was not in court to see Fowler jailed.

Miss Cordle, daughter of
John Cordle, former Tory MP for Bournemouth East and Christchurch, is under-stood to be on holiday in the

Judge Pollock said at prostitution and two for pos-

dun







Three in turmoil: Francis Gibbon, left, who was

### Titles flooding in by the thousand

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA

GIFTS ranging from a complete set of Agatha Christie's novels to Lord Rees-Mogg's own copy of The Wealth of Nations have already flooded in to Book Aid. Book shops. yesterday reported an overwhelming response to the charity's bid to collect a: million books for the republics of the former Soviet

Four thousand volumes had been received at Waterstone's book shop in Hamp-stead, while Blackwell in Oxford was still counting the first day. Heffer's in Cambridge said that some customers were handing in new books which they had just bought, and Waterstone's in Aberdeen was seeking ways of collecting the many offers from book-lovers in the re-moter parts of Scotland.

To date, 150,000 books have been flown to Moscow by Aeroflot, of which 26,000 are already on the shelves of 117 libraries from St Petersburg to Sakhalin Island. Only 300 books have disappeared in spite of the long traditions of black marketing and cor-ruption, and a brief flurry of KGB disinformation about the campaign after its establishment in September.

Ekaterina Genieva, deputy director of the Library for Foreign Literature, Book Aid's Russian partner, said that the charity had capitalised on existing relations between the foreign language libraries, "We have had con-tacts for years now with libraries in different parts of the country, in Georgia, Armenia, the Baltic States. We know where to send the books and they're being used

Susan Richards, a member of the Book Aid working party, said that the distribution system in Moscow had been effective because it employed only a few people. "It's an amazingly productive op-

eration and its secret is its

small scale. It's almost a scaled system," she said.

National Book Aid Week runs to

National Book Aid Week runs to Sunday January 26. Books may be handed in at Heffers, 20 Trinity St. Cambridge: Blackwell, 50 Broad St. Onford: H.J. Lear, Royal Areade. Cardiff: Hammick's, Farnham (both branches): and the following branches of Waterstone's: London Charing Cross Ré, Croydon, Covent Garden, Hampstead, High St., Kansington, Kingston mon Thames, Notting-Hill Gare, Richmond, Wimbledon: Aberdeen; Bath [415] Milsom St.; Birminghan; Bournemouth; Brighton; Bristol

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(Princes Sq); Guildford (North St); Lancaster, Leeds (93/97 Al-bion St); Liverpool (52 Bold St); Maidstone; Manchester (Dean-gate and St Ann's Sq); Newcastle; Norwich (St Stephens St); Nor-tingham; Perth; Preston; Shef-field; Shewsbury; Stratford upon Avon; Swindon; Winchester; Worcester; York. Larger book donations: Book-Aid warehouse (071.713.7258).

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contacted by February 14.

knifed, Sophie Cordle and Ian Fowler

Miss Cordle and that Col Gibbon had been "mesmer-ised by her". He said Miss Cordle had got on top of her drug problem when a "constant stream" of money began flowing from the The incident, Fowler said,

and Fowler.

He needed 22 stitches.

gested that he had handed

over £30,000, the colonel said

that he had paid over "a

Fowler told the jury that he

had been "a good friend" of

substantial sum".

occurred when he had asked for repayment of cash owed to him by Miss Cordle. He said that he had wanted to end their relationship. He had used the knife, which he had been using to clean his nails, only to keep the colonel away from him.

A jury of seven women and five men acquitted Fowler of wounding with intent, but found him guilty of unlawful

wounding.
Judge Pollock told Fowler: "Had you been convicted of the more serious charge, the sentence I would have passed would have run into years. The fact is you lost your tem-per and twice cut Col Gibbon in the face with a knife, causing serious injuries which have left him permanently scarred. This, in my judgment, is a serious case of unlawful wounding."

MrCliff, in mitigation, said that Fowler now accepted Miss Cordle was over. Fowler, said Mr Cliff, felt a mixture of sympathy and anger for Col Gibbon.

Fowler's criminal record included a five-year sentence for armed robbery in 1964.

As he waited for the jury's verdict, Fowler admitted hav-

The court was told that

ing been a "minder" for Miss Cordle, driving her to clients and obtaining drugs for her.



Silent protest: a deaf demonstrator lobbying MPs yesterday in support of Alf Morris's private member's bill to improve legal rights for the disabled

#### Recycling becomes second nature

By Douglas Broom LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

FIFTY years after people were urged to turn sauce-pans into Spitfires the people of Oxfordshire have recycled enough scrap metal in a single year to build ten iumbo jets.

Figures published by the county council, which has led the drive to reuse and recycle, show that in 1991 15 bottles were recycled for every man, woman and child in the county. It also reported increased use of services to recycle paper and waste oil and to extract harmful CFCs from discarded refrigerators and freezers. Best of all was the response to a scheme for reusing tools in Third World countries, launched last September, which has almost

overwhelmed the council.
Sarah Wild, recycling officer, said: "People are bring-ing perfectly repairable hand tools and sewing machines to our tools skip in Oxford, literally by the boxful. Recycling has long ceased to be a fringe activity for a few green-mind-ed people and is fast becom-ing something which for many people is as automatic as washing the dishes."

The council is looking for ways of expanding its recycling activities into new areas such as finding uses for old clothes and furniture. Last month it announced water-saving measures to cut

its water bill by a third. "More than ever it makes sense, both in terms of energy saving and conservation, for everyone to use resources wisely." Ms Wild said. To announce its success the council issued a press release printed, naturally, on recycled paper.

#### **Alzheimer** appeal raises £28,000

By Jeremy Laurance SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE Times Christmas appeal on behalf of the Alzheimer's Disease Society raised £28,269.04, including one donation of £1,000 and several of £500. More than 1,000

readers contributed. The money will be used to extend the society's work in helping carers, many who are themselves elderly. Funds have already been passed to the Woking branch to expand its day care service, to the Sunderland branch for its home sitting service and to the Neath and Port Talbot branch for respite holidays. A survey of 200 carers by the society last summer found that they had an average of only 13.5 hours a week free from caring.

The society's day care and drop-in centres provide an important service for carers. many of whom have their own medical problems and need support. A woman carer may find herself having to cope with financial affairs, while a man may have trouble with the cooking and the shopping. At the same time, they have the emotional and physical problems of caring for a person with dementia.

Harry Cayton, director of the society, said that the money would help carers to cope better. "But it is not only the donations which matter." he said. "The way in which The Times has raised awareness of people with dementia and those who care for them has been very valuable. There was a time when dementia was a problem that was hidden away. There are things we can do to improve the lives of sufferers and carers."

### Home owners 'overpaying insurance

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 15 million home owners may be paying insurance companies up to £450 million a year too much to cover the cost of rebuilding their homes, says Britain's largest quantity surveyors.

A report from Davis Langdon & Everest estimates that each householder could be paying up to £29 a year too much. The report is based on the index of the cost of rebuilding a home from scratch, which many insurance companies use. Peter Fordham, head of cost research at Davis Langdon & Everest, said that the index did not reflect the true price of rebuilding in the recession.

"The index has continued upwards when all prices are coming down," he said.

The index, known as the house rebuilding cost index, has been compiled for the Association of British Insurers by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' Building Cost Information Service 1978. It uses n and labour costs for individual homes, with adjustments materials, based on mer-

for professional fees, overheads and profit. Sun Alliance, one of Britain's biggest insurance companies, whose policies are index-linked, said that it was looking at the accuracy of the index.

Douglas Robertson, of the Building Cost Information Service, said that the rebuildcost index was more in line with the direct costs of chants' list prices, and on wages, based on nationally agreed rates, than any other index for small, individual

Mr Fordham said that the data upon which the index is based was inaccurate. "The real price of small batches of materials has fallen. In the industry, people on the agreed wage rate are a minority." The housing tender price

index, which measures prices charged through competitive tender and is also produced by BCIS, may be a closer reflection of the price levels. Mr Fordham said. But Mr Robertson said that the other index was unsuitable pecause it related to large projects "where undoubtedly competi-

non is exceptionally keen.

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#### Collectors fear £1m pottery is forged

By Sarah Jane Checkland

MORE than £1 million worth of Staffordshire pottery sold to American collectors by London dealers may be fakes made in the mid-1980s. Scotland Yard's Art and Antique squad has taken about 40 pieces for scientific tests at the Research Laboratory for Archaeology and the

History of Art in Oxford. Writs have been issued against a Buckinghamshire potter and a firm of London dealers, Lindsay Antiques Yesterday, the New York collector Henry Weldon confirmed that more than 20 items he had bought from Lindsay Antiques were being tested. Mr Weldon's solicitor, John Jeffrey, confirmed that his client had issued a High Court writ claiming that 14 pieces acquired from Lindsay were "forgeries of no value".

The suspect-group is principally Staffordshire or Staffordshire Whieldon wares. This week's Antiques Trade Gazette says that the alleged copies include two owl jugs bought for £96,500, and a Whieldon candelabrum for £67,500: Lindsay Antiques had its answerphone on yesterday, and did not return calls from The Times.

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### Trio hedge on teaching changes

THE "three wise men" commissioned by the government to propose far-reaching changes in the way child-ren are taught in primary schools in England will recommend today that teachers use a mixture of traditional and modern methods.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, will be accompanied by the three authors of the hastily-written report when he publishes it today. He had hoped for a clearer recommendation for a return to traditional teaching methods, rather than the carefully reasoned argument for a middle line that he has received.

Mr Clarke ordered the report seven weeks ago, after deciding that "play school" teaching methods introduced in the 1960s had led to under-achievement and low standards. He believes

Kenneth Clarke, singing the praises of traditional teaching methods, may be forced to change his tune following a recommendation for a mixture of old and new styles, David Tytler reports capable of teaching the

individual subjects required by the national curriculum. The report, by Professor Robin Alexander, of Leeds University, Jim Rose, the chief primary schools in-spector for the schools inspectorate, and Chris Woodhead, chief executive of the National Curriculum Council, does not advise that schools should return to formal classroom teaching but encourages them to teach in larger groups or. where possible, in whole

children to do their own work in their own time. Streaming favoured by

classes, rather than allowing

says that teachers should ensure that all pupils are stretched to their best performance. This may require special treatment for the very bright and for less able

children. Mr Clarke is especially worried about lessons for pupils aged between eight and 11, who he believes are being let down by modern teaching methods. Many, he believes, are not given sufficiently detailed lessons in the national curriculum subiects of mathematics. English, science, technology.

history and geography. Until now, most primary schools have used projects that present methods supported by the clarke, will not be reconstructed by the press standards and are in commended, but the report agrees with Mr

Clarke's view that this approach often does not cover all the areas adequately. There should be a greater concentration on detail. Mr Clarke is expected to

endorse the report, reminding his critics that he has always said that he has never wanted "a wholesale overnight return to whole-class teaching". He believes that the recommendations. which he will use to change the way primary school teachers are trained, will meet his main complaints about the extremes of modern methods.

Commissioning the report last December, Mr Clarke said: "At its worst, current practice hinders concentration: disguises time-wasting, lack of real learning and superficial questioning; and provides little useful contact between the teacher and the individual pupil."

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### Car buyers want fixed lower price to end haggling

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

THOUSANDS of motorists lose discounts worth hundreds of pounds on their new cars because they are too shy or afraid to haggle with sales

The Lex Report on Motoring 1992; one of the most detailed surveys of the nation's motoring habits, says today that six out of ten motorists want car makers to put an end to the horse-trading from a high price to get the best discount and to introduce a simple system of fixed lower prices. Only 19 per cent wanted the bargaining for discounts system to be

Lex found 54 per cent of

buyers do not enjoy haggling for a deal and a third of those ended up paying the full asking price because of their cence to negotiate, probably paying hundreds of pounds more than necessary. Of the motorists who did not like haggling, two thirds were women who felt vulnera-

ble when confronted with the prospect of horse-trading for ower prices, the survey says. The report comes at a cru-

cial time with Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, expected to announce soon the result of the 18-month Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into car pricing policies. Car manufacturers

straightaway. Just how much the motor industry suffered last year is highlighted by a decline in car ownership for the first time after 11 years of growth, from 23.1 million in 1990 to 22.6 million last year. With the squeeze on consumer spending, motorists also decided to extend the length of time they kept their cars from the 3.75 years on average in 1990 to 4.11 years. When motorists did spend, 76 per cent bought a used vehicle, up from 72 per cent in 1990.

In spite of the dip in car ownership, congestion re-mains one of the biggest irritations. Britain has one of the lowest car ownership figures in Europe at 403 per 1,000 people, compared with 602 in the United States, 492 in West Germany, 476 in Italy and 416 in France. Yet there are 61 cars per kilometre of road - higher than all but Italy, which has 91, Spain with 78 and Germany, which is the same as the UK. Seventy per cent of motorists are worried by congestion, yet British drivers seem resigned to their fate of more cars clogging up the roads, with just under half predicting that most households would have at least two cars in 2001.

The report was compiled by Mori after questioning 1,277 car drivers at 160 locations in the UK last October and November.

Lex Report on Motoring 1992 (Lex Service, 17 Connaught



Balancing act: one of three hare sculptures by Barry Flanagan being lowered into position yesterday in front of the Business Design Centre, north London, home to London's Contemporary Art Fair, which opens tomorrow. Art Fair Prospects, page 12

#### Wife 'was given rat poison'

to drink a cocktail of lager and rat poison when she refused to divorce her husband and surrender her rights to the family business, a jury was told at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Lex Bryan, for the prosecution, said the family wanted Mahini Patel to divorce her husband and sell her share of a shop to his brother. His mother mixed lager, water and rat poison under the bro-ther-in-law's instructions and, while he held Mrs Patel's head, poured the liquid into her mouth, it was alleged.

Mrs Patel, who spent three days recovering in hospital, did not tell police for nearly three months. "She was afraid." Mr Bryan said. Chandrakant Patel, her brother-in-law, was arrested on September 17. Mr Patel, aged 34, of Wood Green. north London, denies allowing a noxious thing to be administered with intent on

The trial continues.

have returned to India. Place, London W2 2EL; E175)

### Major studies takeover plan for problem schools

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government would appoint managers to take over the running of "problem" schools in the inner cities from local education authorities under a plan being con-sidered in Whitehall for inclusion in the Conservative

election manifesto In spite of fears among some ministers that the proposal might cause a pre-election dispute, John Major has told officials and ministers that he wants it examined because of public despair at the poor quality of schooling in some cities.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, is understood to be cautious about such a provocative move, which would be bitterly fought by

However, informed sources told The Times yesterday that Mr Major was enthusiastic about the idea and is anxious to see whether a practicable scheme can be worked out.

The government's drive to encourage schools to become self-governing has made less of an impact in the inner cities than elsewhere. Privately, ministers say that

parents and governors in working class areas lack the expertise and organisation to press for ballots on whether their schools should be taken out of local education authority control.

Some 143 schools have become self-governing since 1989 and a further 18 have been approved but are not yet up and running. The overwhelming majority are outside the inner cities.

16-year-olds in the Scilly Isles

continue to further education

on the mainland after leaving

the one comprehensive

school, on St Mary's. Stu-

dents receive maintenance

grants to continue their edu-

cation if they remain in Corn-

wall. Alan Howells, the head-

master, said that the staying-

on rate was now even higher

The survey, published in a

statistical bulletin, also put

the islands well ahead of the

rest in GCSE examination

success, although the small number of pupils at the Isles

of Scilly School may have

Of the larger education au-

thorities, Harrow had the

best record for GCSEs, with

44 per cent of pupils taking

the top three grades in at least

five subjects. Buckingham-

shire and Surrey also topped

distorted the figures.

40 per cent.

than the report showed.

Ministers accept that the plan would outrage the local authority organisations but say that the main targets would be what they will term "incompetent" Labour councils.

Supporters of the proposal, which has both strong backers and opponents in the education department, say that it would exert the same discipline in state schools as the threat of a takeover wields in the private sector.

One said: "Unlike privately run organisations, schools cannot go bankrupt. Staff and senior management do not face the threat of being sacked. There is no natural mechanism for pulling an ailing school round."

Mr Major made plain that education was at the top of his priorities soon after becoming prime minister. Sources close to him said yesterday that he was determined to get schools and was frustrated at the lack of progress in de-

prived areas. The latter stages of manifesto-making are under way. The key players are the secretaries of state in all departments, Chris Patten, the Tory chairman. Andrew Lansley, the head of the Conservative research department, the prime minister, and Sarah Hogg, head of the Downing Street policy unit.

Sources representing all those interests declined to rule out the proposal when it was put to them by The Times, and the idea is clearly being floated to test reaction.

Sources say that the plan at present is "undefined". The questions it immediately raises are: who would decide whether a school is "bad" enough to merit being taken over?; what would be the criteria used?; would all schools in a local authority area be taken over or just the problem cases?; how long would the takeover last?; what would happen to the senior management of the schools taken

Those are the very questions being considered in the Whitehall study currently tak-

Clarke: cautious about

provocative move

Knowsley, near Liverpool, was at the bottom of the ing place. GCSE table for the three years to 1989-90. Barely one pupil in nine passed five subjects with the top three

grades, a quarter of Harrow's The bulletin showed rising GCSE pass rates in all subjects. By 1990, 10 per cent more pupils were passing the equivalent of five O-levels than a decade earlier.

Nationally, almost a third of pupils went on to further and higher education in the three years. Forty six per cent left education at 16. More than 28 per cent passed five GCSEs at grades A to C.

#### **Addict** changes drug plea

An Englishman on trial in Bangkok for trafficking in heroin changed his plea to guilty yesterday, saying that he was fed up and just wanted

to know his sentence.
Stephen Harris, aged 34, a self-confessed heroin addict living in Bangkok, said that he had earlier pleaded not guilty because he was scared of going to jail and because his lawyer had persuaded him to deny the charges. He apologised for wasting the

Mr Harris's sentence is due to be announced on Friday and is expected to be at least 25 years. However, his admission of guilt means that he will not be sentenced to death.

Mr Harris, originally of

Nottingham, was arrested 13 months ago after police found 3.3lb of heroin in his Bangkok flat. He told the court that he had paid his lawyer £5,000 at the beginning of the trial but sacked him after he demanded a further £20,000. The two judges asked if they should appoint another lawyer for him, but Mr Harris refused.

#### Public enquiry wanted on Beck

Michael Latham and Sir John Farr, Leicestershire Conservative MPs, have demanded that the enquiry into the county council's handling of complaints against Frank Beck, the social worker jailed for life in November for abusing children in care, should be made public when it begins today.

The enquiry, under the chairmanship of Andrew Kirkwood, QC, was ordered by William Waldegrave, the health secretary, after the court was told that Beck, aged 49. had escaped detection for 13 years. A second enquiry has already begun into police handling of complaints in-volving Beck.

#### Damages paid

Sir Trevor Skeet, Conservative MP for Bedfordshire North, has been awarded 'substantial" damages in the High Court over allegations by Anglia Television that he had been banned from his local Conservative club. Anglia accepted that the allegations were untrue.

#### Action settled

William McKune, of Hamilton, Strathclyde, has settled a damages action against the Strathclyde chief constable over his wrongful imprisonment for 109 days. A detective was jailed in 1988 for attempting to pervert the course of justice against Mr McKune and two others.

#### Fraud charges Frank McGrath, aged 41, of

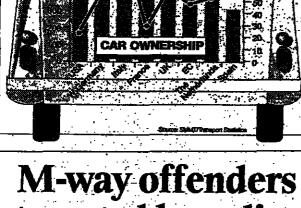
Fulwood. Lancashire, chairman of Preston Labour party, was remanded on bail by Preston magistrates' court on two charges of fraud and three of theft.

#### Council strike Six hundred workers in

Strathclyde regional council's finance department have gone on strike, halting income collection in Scotland's largest authority.

#### **Driving ban**

Ruairi Quinn, aged 45. deputy leader of the Irish Labour party, was banned from driving for 12 months and fined £250 after being convicted of drink-driving by Dublin dis-



WHEN YOU LAST BOUGHT A CAR

targeted by police SIX police forces have launched a campaign against mo-torists who break the law on launched at West Mercia Britain's busiest network of motorways. The forces will

deaths and injuries in The year-long campaign across more than 350 miles of motorway will involve the forces of West Mercia, Staffordshire. Warwickshire.

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cover nine motorways and

two motorway-type routes in the Midlands in an effort to

reduce the rising number of

West Midlands, Northamp-tonshire and Leicestershire. Traffic police have begun targeting speeding motorists and tailgaters, those who follow too closely behind the vehicle in front. These are regarded as the two commonest causes of motorway accidents, followed by poor lane discipline, mechanical de-

#### Invalid suffers poll tax ordeal

A SEVERELY retarded blind man had to be carried intocourt to answer a charge of not paying his poll tax yesterday because a council would not believe that he was

Bob Eales, aged 49, was carried up the steps of Birmingham magistrates' court by members of his family. When his case came up. the magistrates dismissed itafter a few minutes.

Because of his physical and

mental disabilities, Mr Eales has been exempt from paying the poll tax since it was introduced in April 1990. This year, however, Birmingham city council sent him nine letters demanding a £100 poll tax payment. His sister. Pauline

Hadland, of Aston, Birmingham, who cares for him, wrote to the council, spoke to its officials, and completed and returned forms explaining that her brother did not have to pay. She also sent a doctor's note. Eventually, the council sent Mr Eales a summons.

After the case, she said: They obviously looked into his history because they only wanted the lesser payment of £100. But Bob has never worked and is totally exempt from paying. It is disgusting and shameful."

Mike Williams, the director of finance, said: "I am very sorry that this should have happened and I want to apologise to Mr Eales and his family for any distress

fects, poor tyres and driver police headquarters yester-day. Chief Supt Brian Humthere were 984 accidents involving fatalities and injuries on motorways covered by the forces, whose areas stretch from eastern England to the Welsh border. '

He said aggressive driving was increasing and added: "We have a hard core of motorists who seem to ignore commonsense and drive too fast and too close, when they are too fired or who do not maintain their vehicles." Improved technology and design of cars had led to demands for higher speed limits, but that would only increase the accident rate.

He denied that a prolonged campaign by neighbouring forces was a first step towards regional police forces or a national "highway patrol". For the first time motorists travelling on motorways through different force areas would encounter patrols involved in the same, rather than separate, initiatives.

The Midlands had some of the most congested motorways. The average daily traf-fic flow on Britain's motorways was 54,000 vehicles, compared with 115,000 on the M6 around Birmingham.

The campaign will target one problem each month. After speeding and tailgating, it will move on to the condition of tyres, following the introduction this month of new tread depth laws, and vehicle lights. In the spring and summer, traffic patrols will check seat belt-wearing and how long drivers have been behind the wheel of heavy goods vehicles, cara-

vans, buses and coaches. The routes involved within the six force areas are the M 1. M69, M6, M5, M42, M40, M50, M45, M54, the

A38(M) and A42(M).



Fish fête: Donald Ruth, aged 63, declared bestdressed porter yesterday as Billingsgate market celebrated its 10th year in London's Docklands

#### the local authorities and the education establishment, appearing in the manifesto. Isles students set

their sights high By JOHN O'LEARY HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

TWO London boroughs and the Isles of Scilly have been named as the most successful English authorities at putting students into further and

higher education. An analysis by the education department of three years' statistics showed that students in the islands or the London boroughs of Harrow and Richmond upon Thames were seven times as likely to take further or higher education courses than those in Barking, east London. More than half of Barking's pupils left school at 16 and fewer than one in ten went on to

higher education. Almost three quarters of

PERFORMANCE IN EDUCATION The best authorities (1987-8 to 1989-90)

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is of Scilly	73.2	86.6
Harrow	69.7	44.1
Richmond	69.1	38.0
Bury	47.5	23.1
Brent	46.0	23.3
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H/Ed + F/Ed (%)

15.9 9.5 Source: Statistics of School Examina-tions 1990 (education department)

### (A-C) (%)

### being denied a place to smoke smoking in hospital buildings and

The outcome of the case has been awaited by hundreds of smokers working for the board, who presently gather outside the main gates with visitors for a

theatre clothes and go into the street for a cigarette. In any case, she had never smoked in the street, she said. Previously, the health board had set aside smok-

yer, said: "Mrs Dryden is disappointed and is keenly awaiting the tribunal's written decision because she realises the consequences of her own case for involved."

spokeswoman said that the board could not comment until the tribunal's detailed findings were

### Nurse loses action against hospital smoking ban

"When I left my job. I promised

my friends that I would do some-

thing about the smoking ban. We

can all choose not to go to the

cinema or the theatre if there is a

smoking ban, but we can't choose

By KERRY GILL

AN AUXILIARY nurse who said that she was forced to resign from her job after a health board banned smoking in all its premises has lost her claim of constructive dismissal.

May Dryden, aged 63, who smokes 30 cigarettes a day, argued before an industrial tribunal that the ban, introduced by the Greater Glasgow health board last year, was unreasonable because it stopped employees from having a cigarette at any time or in any place while at work. Even the car park at Glasgow's Western infirmary, where she worked, was a nosmoking area.

Mrs Dryden, who has smoked regularly since 1941, claimed reinstatement and compensation from the health board, having resigned after 14 years at the hospital. The tribunal, which gave its decision yesterday, is to publish its reasons

not to go to work." Mrs Dryden had told the tribunal that she had been driven "demented" by having to go eight hours a day without smoking. On After hearing the result. Mrs Dryden said: "I am disappointed, but this was the result I expected. I the fourth day of the ban. Mrs Dryden said that she could stand it have done what I set out to do. I no longer and resigned. The health have drawn the public's attention to the thousands of people who are board said that it had stopped all

during a work break.

grounds to protect staff and to promote good health.

smoke. Mrs Dryden said that she had not had time to change out of her

ing areas. Stephen Miller, her law-

others similarly placed. She is also aware of the principles A spokeswoman for the Greater Glasgow health board said: "We are pleased by the result." Asked whether the board might consider reintroducing smoking areas, the

Lady Blatch: opposing

#### Smooth ride for council tax

By JOHN WINDER

LABOUR attempts to wreck the bill introducing the council tax, and to change the title to "property poll tax" were rejected in the House of Lords last night. Opening votes on the six-day committee stage of the Local Government Finance Bill indicated that the government should have little difficulty in getting its bill through the Lords before the end of February. Moving the first of a series

of Labour amendments, party spokesman Lord McIntosh of Haringey said that they were to make a genuine start on escaping from the shambles which poll tax had imposed on the people.

Lady Blatch, the environment minister, said the amendments would be a return to the rates and would be a recipe for punishing many people with incomes above rebate level.

The amendment was reject ed by 175 votes to 67.

Lib Dems join economic battle as Mellor unveils new spending weapon

### Tories add £2bn to Labour bill

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LABOUR'S programme for government would cost an extra £37 billion, the Conservatives said yesterday, as they unveiled a revised costing of the Opposition's plans. The renewed Tory on-

slaught on Labour's economic competence was led by David Mellor, the Treasury chief secretary, who said that the combination of inflation and new pledges had pushed up the potential bill for the taxpayer by E2 billion since the summer when the exercise was first conducted. Labour dismissed the fig-

ures as "bogus" and denied that the spending pledges de-tailed by the Tories in a report running to 60 pages amounted to firm commitments. It counter-attacked by accusing ministers of misleading the public about the severity of the recession and citing record business failures as evidence that recovery re-mains a long way off. It also challenged the government's efforts to use the world downturn as an alibi for Britain's problems by pointing to the country's lowly place in inter-

national league tables. Mr Melior challenged Labour to come clean about its spending plans or explain how it would raise the £37 billion extra needed to sustain

item was up and running. His figures took account of the growth dividend, he said. The Tories say that Opposition spokesmen have made a

host of promises over the years with the aim of winning votes. They maintain that none of these have been withdrawn when the funding questions have been posed. In the absence of a retraction, the Tories predict that the average taxpayer would have to find an extra £1,000.

Labour maintains that its

promises to raise child benefit and pensions and to introduce an emergency pro-gramme for economic recovery, including a £900 million training and employment package, are its only firm spending commitments. All its other plans are goals or aspirations to be financed out of growth. Speaking on the eve of to-

day's Commons debate on public expenditure, Mr Mellor accused the Opposition of trying to have it both ways. One moment it was trying to curry favour with interest groups and win votes with "glib promises" of higher spending. The next, when challenged, it insisted that its various pledges were mere aspirations. It should not be

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surprised when its commitments were identified and "No Opposition in history has stage-managed more launches. Today, we prove that there is no such

thing as a free launch." The chief secretary cited Labour's plans for overseas aid as a blatant example of its inconsistency. Less than a year ago. Ann Clywd, the shadow cabinet spokesman. said that reaching the United

Nations target of 0.7 per cent of GDP (cost £2.5 billion, or more than a penny on income tax) was a "top priority". But Margaret Becket, the shadow chief secretary, said in May that it was only a "goal". Yet at the Labour conference in the autumn, Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said it was "a firm commitment, costed and clear that I pledge our Labour government will carry out".

### Ashdown puts the political system on trial

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

vote Tory or Labour," he said.

ministers were deliberately

"laying off" the Liberal Dem-

ocrats in the hope that a

centre party revival would

boost their prospects of re-

election by splitting the anti-

Conservative vote, Mr

party was a threat to the

believe that a rise in Liberal

Democrat votes will help

them then they have simply misread the facts of differen-

tial regional voting which has already begun in the May

local elections. The fact is that

this party will be the instru-

ment which defeats this gov-ernment, not the instrument

The Liberal Democrat doc-

ument argued that if the

pound, the dollar and the

German mark all had a value

of 100 units in 1951 the

Deutschmark was now at 32

points, the dollar at 19 and

the pound at only seven

Unemployment had risen by 53 per cent under the

Conservative government from 1951-64 and by 96 per

cent under Labour from

1964-70. It had dropped by

l6 per cent under Edward

Heath's government from

1970-74, risen by 106 per

cent under Labour from

1974-9 and gone up again by

115 per cent under the Tories

from 1979 to 1991.

which protects it."

"If the Tories actually

government

Asked about reports that

THE Liberal Democrats, fighting to avoid the squeeze as the two main parties intensify the "phoney election" battle, yesterday pressed their campaign theme that changing Britain's government was not enough: the system had to be changed as well.

Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, launching a document entitled Forty years of Failed Government, said that the value of the pound, Britain's trading position and employment (save for a blip of recovery under Edward Heath) had all deteriorated steadily whether Labour or Tory governments had been

Jim Wallace, the party's employment spokesman, will introduce a bill in the Commons on February 11 calling for proportional representa-tion. He said that Britain's economic failure was linked to the failure of the political system. The Liberal Democrats would introduce PR. decentralised power, a freedom of information act for open government and laws designed to end "merger ma-nia" in British industry as well as taking Britain into the

single European currency. Mr Ashdown said that gov ernments of both parties had let Britain down. "They have put short-term politics before the long-term interests of our nation. "If you want things to stay exactly the same as they have over the last 40 years,

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Pretoria sanctions 'must go'

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The removal of sanctions against South Africa is desirable on economic and social grounds, John Major told the Commons, and he is determined to end them.

Pressed to keep sanctions in place until majority lished, the prime minister said at question time that there was no growth there, while the population was growing at 3 per cent a year. That was leading to real hardship, most noticeably among

those who had least. President de Klerk is to visit London for talks with Mr Major on February 1.

Victims may get payout

pared to consider paying compensation to nuclear test victims if evidence can be given of exposure to radiation, John Major said at question time.

The issue was raised by Keith Vaz, Labour MP for Leicester East, who said that despite an assurance nearly a year ago from the prime minister in relation to a man suffering from leukaemia which he contracted while serv-ing in Chistmas Island at the time of the British atom bomb tests, nothing had been done.

Equal votes A bill intended to end

male dominance of the Commons was intro-Tory MP for Billericay. Electors would have two votes, one for a male candidate and one for a female. At present only 44 of the 650 MPs are women and Mrs Gorman is seeking "to redress an anomaly". The bill has no chance of becoming law

X-ray vision

Prisons holding category A prisoners will start to install x-ray metal detecnext month, Angela Rumbold, the prisons minister, said in a written reply. Every such prison would have at least one machine by the end of March she said.

Roll call Central government em-ploys 561,903 staff, David Mellor, the Treasury chief secretary, said in a

written reply. Parliament today Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Debate on Chancellor's Lords (2.30): Debates

# BRITAIN'S SHRINKING POUND

Exchange rate: how the pound fared since 1951

#### Nuclear fears recede

By Robert Morgan, parliamentary staff-

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, made it clear yesterday that he takes an optimistic view about nuclear arms control following the break-up of the Soviet Union. "There are more fingers on the brake than on the trigger," he said.

Mr Hurd, who returned from Moscow on Monday night, said he was encouraged by the determination of the leaders of the three most important new states, Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan, to deal with the massive economic problems they faced. Addressing the British arm

of the American Chamber of

Commerce in London, Mr Hurd said: "I do not believe that Ukraine, Belorussia and Kazakhstan want to remain nuclear powers and they have committed themselves to moving all tactical nuclear weapons to Russia, and that is happening by this summer, and to dismantling and disabling strategic nuclear

weapons by 1994. Kazakstan, Ukraine and Russia were under the presidencies of three tough-minded and experienced menaccustomed to bargaining. accustomed to arguing and accustomed to agreement, he

#### on the patient's charter and on finance in industry. MEPs pave the way for link

with Christian Democrats BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A DEMAND that the Conservative party should adopt a new programme blending Christian values with its social policies seems unlikely to stand in the way of a deal to boost the forces of the centre-right in the European parliament.

Leaders of the Conservative group at Strasbourg are optimistic that a meeting on February 14 between Christian Democrat leaders, including Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, will sanction an agreement. A deal would allow Britain's 32 Conservative MEPs to link up with the 127-strong European People's party, with Christian Democrats from most EC countries, enabling it to challenge the 180-mem-

ber Socialist group.
Opponents question whether Conservatism is compatible with Christian democracy. An internal document passed to The Times reveals that some want to exact a heavy price for co-operation. Some hardline Christian Democrats want the Conservatives first to show a willingness to adopt their policies. As these include a federal Europe, an independent European central bank and the social charter, all anathema to the Tories, the negotiations were

never going to be smooth.

The Conservatives have been looking for a deal ever since the 1989 European elections, when Labour be-came the largest British

group at Strasbourg. A series of working parties have been looking at policy areas where the Conservative and Christian Democrat positions are distinct: agriculture, social policy, monetary union and the relationship of the EC

By far the most "painful" discussion has been in the working party considering the "Christian image of man". Arie Oostlander, a Dutch MEP, was sceptical about whether the Conservatives should be allowed to associate with Christian Democrats. Mr Oostlander, a guru of Christian democracy, wrote a paper that many felt was designed to scupper it. In words that the Thatcherites would have choked on. he said that Christian democracy "rejects utilitarianism and individualism

and demands social justice.

Beazley: no party can

"A new platform will be necessary to be adopted in Great Britain by the leaders of the Conservative party, that would intimately blend Christian values with its social policies and social action

programme," he said.
Sir Fred Catherwood,
MEP for Cambridge and
North Bedfordshire, said that Britain was a Christian state and it would be unnecessary and inappropriate for any political party to call it-self a Christian party. Christopher Beazley, MEP for Cornwall and Plymouth.

who also wrote a paper for the working party, said the differing religious traditions in member states had been at the root of the discussions. In Britain "it would be regarded as bizarre for one poiitical party to claim some form of moral superiority over the other." The European parliament has what is called an "ecumenical breakfast" once a session and, according to one senior Tory, the most regular attenders are the British, Labour as well as Conservative.

Senior Conservative sources say there is a growing understanding between the two camps. The sources believe the warm relation-ship between Herr Kohl and John Major and the enthusi-asm for the Christian Democrat traditions voiced by Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, have helped to pave the way towards a work-ing relationship.

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# Age is all in the mind, says survey

OLD age is defined by an attitude of mind, not by failing faculties, the charity Age Concern said yesterday. The young believe that old age begins before 50 but many. septuagenarians feel they are still in the prime of life.

In a survey that puts new life into the cliche "you're only as old as you feel one in ten of those aged 16-24 put the four out of five said that they start of old age in the 40s and could think of reasons for not three in ten believe it begins wanting to carry on living in before 60. But four out of ten old age.

of those aged over 75 do not John Gabriel, director of themselves feel they have Third Age International who reached their old age.

"Nobody wants to believe they are old because of its negative connotations," said Sally Greengross, director of Age Concern, publishers of

work of the charity, Mrs. Greengross said that the old difficult to put an age on had much more positive views of ageing than the healthier and younger look-young. While those aged 16—ing than our preconceptions 24 said they did not want to of them. Old people tend to live beyond 77, those over 75 hoped to go on until they were well past 90. "Although there." are negative feelings about : getting old, once you are

going," she said. people feared getting old, that four out of five will suffer with loss of independence no dementia whatever. The and ill-health each cited by a vast majority of the elderly third as their chief worry and will stay fit, active and inde-

Think young and you are young, even at 75. But the old believe that more than the young, reports Jeremy Laurance

money problems highlighted by a fifth. One in four said that there was nothing good to say about getting old and

that the pessimism about old age derived from ignorance. "Because of the breakdown of the extended family people have very little exposure to the survey. "Old age is always older people and don't know what life is like for them.

Launching an appeal for There is a stereotype of the old as either decrepit or like Alf Garnett But it is actually very people because they are feel ten years younger than their chronological age."

Mrs Greengross said: "There is much emphasis on the fact that now we are living there you want to keep to 80 or 90, one in five of us will suffer some form of de-The survey found that most mentia. But it is incredible

appeal to mark the 50th anniversary of Age Concern, which runs 1,400 local centres with the help of 250,000 volunteers, will be backed by a TV and poster campaign and is supported by a com-mittee of ageing celebrities, including David Jacobs and Cliff Michelmore. "However young you are now, one day you'll be one of us," Mr Michelmore said.

Richard Ingrams, whose new magazine, The Oldie, is to be launched on February 19, said that he was surprised that one in four respondents could find nothing good to say about ageing. There are many advantages in being older, and in many cases fewer responsibilities and more freedoms," he said. "In my experience, life is mainly to do with having families. I'm in favour of that, but it involves such a terrible effort. Oldies are able to pack it in."

Young people were scarcely in a position to comment on old age. "Most of them don't think about it at all," he said.

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Novel neckline: Barbara Cartland and her award

#### Heath collars necktie award

EDWARD Heath collected an award from Britain's tie makers yesterday, and admitted: "I only wear French ties." Luckily for Mr Heath, a committed European, the Guild of British Tie Makers' award was in recognition of his political. rather than sartorial, contri-bution to the nation.

The former prime minister told guild members at the Savoy Hotel in London that he was intrigued by the honour "having been criticised throughout my political life for the garments I

The novelist Dame Barbara Cartland and the broadcaster Sir Robin Day were also given the guild's Great Britons tie award, a framed tie incorporating the nat-ional emblems of the United Kingdom.

Past recipients of the up front award include Lord Whitelaw, Sir Richard Attenborough, Norman Teb-bit, Henry Cooper, Michael Winner, Sir Hardy Amies and Sir John Harvey Jones.

### Mann getting better

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monia in a Cyprus hospital, is showing signs of improve-ment. Mr Mann, aged 77, was alen and comfortable and had been watching television, a British military statement said yesterday.

The Princess of Wales has revealed her secret childhood treat — a slab of calorie-packed, chocolate biscuit cake — to Cheshire housewives Lindsey Dawson and Liz Rice. She has passed on the mouth-watering ingredients for their book of 200 recipes for the childhood treats of the famous. John Major chose Mexican chicken, Margaret Thatcher remembered orange and wal-nut cake, and Terry Waite, egg and bacon fian. Proceeds from A Taste of Childhood will go to the Foundation for

Imelda Marcos was the first of a dozen candidates to file papers contesting the presi-dential election in the Philip-pines on May 11. Mrs Marcos admitted that victory would exonerate her from prosecution.

the Study of Infant Deaths.

China's senior leader. Deng Xiaoping, aged 87, has made

Jackie Mann, the former his first officially acknowledged appearance in about a edged appearance in about a year, a Chinese official said yesterday. Mr Deng arrived in the Shenzhen special economic zone on Sunday.

> Argentine-born Sonia Ruseler will become the latest female newscaster when ITN's lunchtime bulletin is given a fresh look in March. Miss Ruseler, aged 28, is ITN's Tokyo correspondent. She teams up with Nicholas Owen to present the 12.30 news following John Suchet's departure to news at 5.40.



Marion Brando toured loca tions in Spain yesterday, preparing for his role in the film. Christopher Columbus: The Discovery, in which he plays Tomas de Torquemada, the infamous head of the Spanish

#### **Divided** tastes in the buffet

Bristok British Rail buffet car research has revealed that Britain is still a divided nation. In the home counties, customers tend tochoose prawn sandwiches and drink gin and tonic. In the North, bacon butties are accompanied by cans of bitter top. On runs to Newcastle, the most popular order is a jam sandwich with Newcastle Brown ale.

#### Pole position

Tokyo: A Japanese adventurer is reported to have become the first person to reach the South Pole by motorcycle, completing a unique double. Shinji Kazama, aged 41, is reported to have reached the pole on January 3, a month after he set out from base camp. In 1987, he became the first motorcyclist to ride to the North Pole.

#### Shoppers flee

New York: A fire in a storeroom forced the evacuation of about 2,000 shoppers and employees from Macy's store in Man-hattan. (AFP)

#### **Dropping out**

Canberra: Scientists on motorcycles linked to military satellites are counting sheep, goat and kangaroo droppings in the Austra-lian outback to try to stop soil degradation. (Reuter)

Final pint Preston: Nellie Crowley, aged 72, a barmaid, has retired after pulling 3,494,000 pints at the

#### Cat's-eyes encounter rival road reflector

BY KERRY GILL

CATS-EYES, the ingenious keep night-time drivers on the right side of the road for almost 50 years, are in danger of heing superseded.

The reflectors, invented in 1934 by the Yorkshireman Percy Shaw, have a rival in the brainchild of a Scottish inventor. Nigel Buchanan, who has developed a device that has a superior deaning mechanism and can change colour to warn drivers of the

danger of black ice.
Cat's eyes, a simple but immensely practical invention that no one has hitherto been able to better, have two pairs of reflective prisms in a rubber pad. When a car drives over them the prisms are cleaned as they move against the rubber.

In polar eyes, the reflectors are immersed in fluid and protected by a self-cleaning outer lens, allowing reflection from a car's headlights to remain at its optimum level. There are two fluids within the lens reflector, one clear and the other coloured.

Mr Buchanan said: "As the clear fluid contained in the inner lens contracts below 2C, the coloured fluid is drawn into the gap between the two lenses occupied by the clear fluid thereby changing the colour of the reflected

Mr Buchanan said that polar eyes would last for at least three years, compared with six months to a year for car'seyes on busy roads. On quieter roads the polar eyes would also be superior, being cheap-er and easier to install or

#### Yard investigates case of the reluctant 'W'

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

SIR Peter Imbert, the Metro- paper and some women offipolitan police commissioner. cers have simply refused to and his senior officers are to debate putting the "W" back into WPC after complaints by London policewomen that its removal 18 months ago has created confusion.

The prefix was dropped in police orders in July 1990 after a recommendation from: the force's Plus team, work-3,000 female constables, ser-

shed the prefix. Supporters of the old title say that its absence causes confusion among the public and in the force. Husband and wife officers receive each other's mail. Opposition to the change

prompted a woman officer in Bow, east London, to canvass equal opportunities experts in colleagues about the prefix and officers in west London ing to modernise the force's began a pention to bring ethos. Now, women officers back WPC. The survey found have complained that the dea majority for the "W", cision, which affected over prompting Scotland Yard to

agree to review the abolition. geants and inspectors, was The review comes as Essex taken without consultation. has just become the latest Angry letters have been force to renounce the female tag. It is to go this spring.

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### Tokyo politician takes another swipe at America

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

ONCE again demonstrating the knack of senior Japanese politicians to utter astonishingly gauche remarks, Yoshio Sakurauchi, aged 79, claimed that the US-Japan trade imbalance was the result of the laziness and illiteracy of American workers. "If turers as promises." America does not watch out. it will be judged as finished by the world," he added.

Mr Sakurauchi, Speaker of the House of Representatives. was quoted in national newspapers here as saying that America had become "Japan's sub-contractor". American standards of education had sunk to such a level, he said, that managers were unable to issue written orders because 30 per cent of Americans cannot read.

Yesterday Mr Sakurauchi regretted that his remarks had been "short of explanation and liable to cause misunderstanding". But a television newscaster's response to them - "We are ashamed of him because he let his true feelings be known" - highlights the most alarming aspect of the incident: that Mr Sakurauchi's crime was not his opinion, which is apparently widely shared, but its

public expression. Kiichi Miyazawa, the prime minister, yesterday also appeared to retract comments which had suggested he was backing away from an agreement to buy more American cars and car parts. The deal was negotiated during President Bush's recent To-

Mr Miyazawa contended that he was misunderstood when he said in a television firm promise". But Koichi Kato, the prime minister's chief spokesman, said yesterday: "We will not back off on our pledge midway. It is all right to regard statements on sales by Japanese manufac-

Japan's politicians have an unusual aptitude for self-inflicted humiliation. Inappropriate remarks. accusations of sexual dalliances or dabblings in corruption have become almost daily hazards for



Watanabe: uproar on his visit to the US

the ruling Liberal Democratic party. The mute electorate. in large measure shamefaced and apologetic about its elected representatives, simply tends to dismiss their antics with a shrug.

America seems to be taking the brunt of the Japanese political establishment's verbal blunders. On an inspection of Tokyo's red-light district in 1990, Seiroku Kajiyama, the then newly elected justice minister, compared prostitutes to blacks, saying they spoiled areas just as in

was "a target rather than a America "neighbourhoods become spoiled because blacks move in and whites are forced to move out".

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Michio Watanabe, the foreign minister, caused an uproar more recently when he said: "In America, where credit cards are widely used, a lot of blacks, and so on, just think 'we're bankrupt, we don't have to pay anything from tomorrow

Akio Morita, the chairman of Sony, has just published an article in which he says that Japan's single-minded pursuit of economic pre-emi-nence has had a detrimental effect on the standards of living of the Japanese people. He argues that Japanese companies should try to achieve something more than just "producing good products at low prices", and suggests that an enlarged business focus would help to alleviate Japan's long working hours, raise salaries and offer higher dividends to shareholders. It would also encourage more charitable contributions and greater consideration of environmental protection.

The remarkable expansion of Japan's international economic power, which appears to grow relentlessly, does not seem to be aimed at making life for the ordinary person more comfortable. While Japan's economic policies, designed and carried out by the bureaucracy, are intended to promote national security. the apparently ceaseless pur-suit of an economically more powerful Japan seems to be beginning seriously to alienare other countries, so undermining this aim.

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Spot on: Phylis Sones from Chicago, dressed for the occasion, is nuzzled by Gantry, an 18-month-old Dalmatian, while waiting for the start of Dalmatian judging at the 77th annual dog show of the Wisconsin Kennel Club in Milwaukee

were convicted of terrorism

after a summary trial. The

government said they were

carrying guns and explosives

and had planned to sabotage

theatres, shops and other

The 31-member council of

state ruled that Diaz Betan-

court was primarily responsi-

ble for the infiltration. His co-

accused initially had been

sentenced to death, but the

council last week commuted

their sentences to 30 years in

jail. Nonetheless, the sen-

tences are harsh compared to

those that were meted out to

exiles captured during the

Bay of Pigs invasion. Santovenia Fernandez's

father served two years in a Cuban jail for his involve-

The Cubans said that since

Santovenia Fernandez and

Alvarez Pedroso had spent

most of their lives in Miami's

exile community they were

simply victims of its virulently

anti-Castro environment.

ment in the affair.

civilian targets.

### Miami's Cuban exiles protest over execution

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

CUBAN exiles took to the streets in Miami's Little Havana after one of their number was executed by a firing squad in Havana.

Eduardo Diaz Betancourt, aged 38, was shot on Monday after international appeals for clemency had been rejected by the Cuban supreme court and the council of state headed by President Castro. Dozens of Cuban-Americans honked car homs and screamed: "Fidel Castro assassin!" as they gathered near a monument to the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba. The executed man, who fled from Cuba to Miami nine months ago, was accused of leading a threeman terrorist infiltration squad. The father of one of the other two men captured with him was jailed by Cuba after taking part in the Bay of

Pigs invasion. Diaz Betancourt and two long-time Miami residents. Daniel Santovenia Fernandez, aged 36, and Pedro de la Caridad Alvarez Pedroso, aged 26, were captured after landing a raft on the Cuban coast on December 29. They

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### Bush caught in down spiral as boom goes bust

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

Land Sylvia Donahue travelled 500 miles to Washington from this pleasant university town in southern New Hampshire to watch George Bush's inauguration. They were committed middle-class Republicans with much to celebrate.

comfortable income when

they eventually retired.

Diaz Betancourt, by contrast. had enjoyed all the fruits of Luba's revolution only tray it, the Cuban media said. Diaz Betancourt, who fled to the United States last May. has no relatives in Miami. Acquaintances described him as someone who hated Fidel Castro and was frequently in trouble in Cuba because of black market dealings.

In Florida, a spokesman for the Alpha 66 group, which holds weekend combat training sessions in the Everades, said that the plight of glades, said that the plight of the three men had strength-ened the exiles cause. The Cubans had brushed aside an international campaign to stop the executions. The United States, Spain and numerous leaders and cultural figures had issued calls for

clemency.

A White House spokesman had no immediate commen on the execution. US officials had denied Cuban allega tions of official American involvement in the alleged sabotage mission.

IN DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE n January 1989, Peter-

The state had experienced one of the most spectacular booms in its history. To capitalise on an acute housing shortage, they had borrowed \$595,000 (£332,000 at present exchange rates) to build seven flats on the back of the house where they had lived for 25 years. All were rented out to young professionals and would, they thought, provide a

The recession set in Just as few states had grown so dramatically during the so few collapsed so utterly Property prices plummeted. dragging rents down in their wake. Soon the Donahues income no longer covered their mortgage costs, although the flats remained full, and their entire property was worth less than the loan. A week before Christmas the bank foreclosed on them. Last Thursday, a day before their property was due to be auconed. Mr Donahue filed for bankruptcy in a last attempt to save his home.

President Bush faces a fight for his political life in New Hampshire's primary next month, and it is not hard to see why. From the old mill towns of the north and west to the new Boston dormitory commumities in the south, this is a state that is truly "hurting".

People talk not of the recession but of the "depression". The Manchester Union Leader, the only statewide paper, carries three or four pages of legal foreclosure notices daily. The defence and high-tech industries on which the 1980s boom was

Corporate and personal bankrupicies rose from 835 in 1988 to 3.848 last year. Commercial property values have fallen by half, residential values by up to a third. One in ten of the state's jobs has disappeared. Food stamp recipients have nearly tripled. The rate of new welfare applications is the highest in the country. Still worse, New Hampshire is caught in a downward spiral caused by an acute banking crisis.

The state's banks lent I recklessly during the 1980s. Five of the seven largest have now failed. principally because of the property slump. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which must repay insured depositors, has stepped in, using liquidators to foreclose on "bad" loans to minimise its losses. The "bad" loans include

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viable businesses, current in their payments, whose collateral value has diminished because of the recession. The liquidators are on commission and have displayed minimal forbearance. They close and sell indiscriminately, flooding the proper-ty market, further depressing prices, eroding the tax base. "The medicine they're using to cure the situation is killing the patient," said Mrs Donahue.

Peter Stothard, page 14

### Leakey offers a way out in clash over elephant trade

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

RICHARD Leakey, head of Kenya's wildlife service and the driving force behind the international ban on the ivory trade, has offered Zimbabwe a trade-off to soften its stance on the elephant controversy.

His low-key presence in Zimbabwe, where he is regarded as the main saboteur of the conservation authorities' strategy to "farm" the country's abundant elephant population and to use ivory to help to pay for the survival of the species, adds unexpected dimensions to the convention on international trade in endangered species meeting in Kyoto in March.

Dr Leakey says that he will vote in Kyoto for Zimbabwe's proposal to remove the African elephant from the convention's appendix one, which forbids cross-border trade, and to permit controlled trade in elephant byproducts. There was a proviso, however, that the trade should be limited to products such as hides and meat, and that ivory should remain on the banned list for at least the next three years. That would allow Kenya's elephant population to continue to benefit from the reported slump in poaching there. "Kenya's

position is that there is no

trade in ivory for the next three years." he is quoted as

Dr Leakey's compromis was confirmed by officials of non-government conservation bodies, who said that he made it on more than one occasion. There are reports that his offer was rebuffed. They also expressed surprise at his support for Zimbabwe's

elephants to prevent their becoming 100 numerous. He was also quoted as saying that Kenya hoped to participate in an international ivory marketing cartel, proposed by Southern African states once the East African elephant population had

elephant management sys-

tem and the policy of culling



Trunk call: Dr Leakey will let Zimbabwe sell elephant hides if the ivory ban continues



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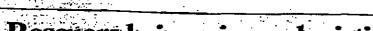
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### Rescuers bring air crash victims down from icy mountain to loved ones below

### Survivors tell of last terrifying moments

FROM SEAN MACCARTHAIGH IN BARR AND PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

ice, the Red Cross teams work in relays to cut the dead from the mangled fuselage of the Airbus that crashed near the Alsace village of Barr on Monday evening. All hope of finding any more survivors has long

The wreckage is not strewn over a wide area as it was after the Lockerble bombing, but the front half of the plane has fallen apart. The passengers here were hurled through the air, many with their seatbelts still attached, when the Air Inter flew into dense woods. In the rear of the fuselage the bodies are relatively

Down the mountain, in the picturesque village itself, the bodies continued to ar-rive at the town hall all through yesterday. They were brought by blacked-out military ambulances past soldiers and television crews. Medical staff laid out the bodies in the building's biggest room, trying desperately to make them presentable before the relatives

They came in twos and threes. All knew why they had come to identify a loved one. Some, however, seemed still to nurture some small hope; perhaps it was all a terrible mistake.

The airline's representatives gave what official comfort they could. Edith Cresson, the French prime min-ister, arrived after abandoning a state visit to Italy. The transport minister announced an inquiry.

The few survivors could give only anectional evidence as to why the plane

ON THE cold side of the thing was normal then sudmountain, in the snow and denly the plane took a bad trajectory. I saw lots of trees for hundreds and hundreds of metres. That really shook me up," one said from his hospital bed.

"We were thrown to the right, to the left, my head hirched forward, then I was forced backwards. I thought, 'This isn't really happening, it's a bad nightmare'," he said.

The moving, sometimes horrifying, television coverage of what happened to flight ITS148 brought the tragedy into millions of French homes with a raw but compelling impact that was driven home by the first pictures of a handful of deeply shocked figures standing motionless in the snow next to the wreckage.

Staring into the camera with blood drying from severe facial wounds, Pierre Cota, a businessman aged 45. who was earlier shown sheltering a young boy in his overcoat, spoke with eery calm about the moment the crash happened. "Everything seemed to go very quickly, we were coming in to land, then there was a lot of noise, and I don't know how, but we just fell to the ground. At first I thought we had hit another plane on

the runway."

When the impact came,
M Cota recalled, "there
were bright lights, everything seemed to be moving around, then after a few seconds I realised it was time to get out quick. Grabbing the child, aged nine, who was sitting beside him in the rear of the plane, as had been all of the survivors. M. Cota escaped and hurried away.



Land fall: a soldier standing by the wreckage of the Airbus in the woods of the St Odile mountain, about 25 miles from Strasbourg

### Computer error by pilots suspected

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

A FATAL computer programming error by the pilots of the Airbus A320 jet which smashed into a French mountainside was emerging last night as the most likely cause of the crash which killed all but nine of those on

Safety experts, anxious to discover if anything had gone horribly wrong with one of the world's most advanced passenger aircraft, took over simulators from Airbus customers around the world to try to recreate the last minutes of flight IT5148 as it approached Strasbourg airport. Slowly, although with no real proof that their theories were right, they began to build up a picture of confusion in the cockpit.

What they know for certain is that the Air Inter iet should have been at about 9,000 ft, well above the highest peak in the Vosges moun-tains, as it headed in thick fog towards Strasbourg at the end of an hour-long "milk run" flight from

All the navigation maps for the area give the "safety sector height" — the minimum altitude at which any aircraft may fly - as 4,700 ft. Yet the A320, with its 90 passengers and six crew, hit

a mountain at no more than

2,500 feet above sea level.

not automatically controlled by computer in the Airbus. It is up to the pilots to tell the aircraft's five computers what height they want to fly at by dialling in a particular

The track the aircraft flies

Height is the one parameter can be programmed in before take-off and the computers then automatically follow

> If the pilot decides to make manoeuvre which is outside the aircraft's own "safety envelope" the computer will refuse to accept his com-

mand. But it cannot tell the pilot whether he is actually heading straight towards a mountainside until a few second before impact when lights and buzzers, known as ground proximity warnings. sound the alert - probably

STRASBOURG

### AIRBUS A320: RECOMMENDED FLIGHTPATH TO DISASTER MINIMUM SAFETY ACTUAL APPROACH OF AIR INTER AIRBUS 320

#### Metro's police go tagger hunting

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON

THE arrest of two French teenagers suspected of vandalising the Louvre Metro station with huge spraypainted slogans ten days ago has provided a revealing glimpse of the world of the Parisian "tagger".

it has also emerged that the special force responsible for policing the capital's un-derground network maintains an extensive library of photographs and video tapes to help them match the most active taggers with examples of their work and method of operation.

The two youths now in cus-tody were caught because it is a matter of pride among members of their gang - one of almost 50 in Paris - to sign everything they do with the initials CMP, for Comité de la Mafia Parisien. Investigators were able to identify the gang's preferred area of operations and then mount an intensive search for those resposible for vandalising the most elegant Metro station.

station.
The hunt paid off earlier this week when police discovered freshly painted CMP tags on a building, then picked up the suspects nearby. They were carrying 26 cans of aerosol paint and a master key giving access to the platforms after closing hours. Collections of press hours. Collections of press cuttings and photographs showing taggers' work were also found in their

It is not clear whether the youths were responsible for disfiguring the Louvre station in a raid nine months ago, but transport police sources believe they have arrested central figures in the gang.

According to French press reports. Paris taggers have become so sophisticated that they now carry scanners tuned into Metro police radio frequencies, and there is a thriving trade in master keys and plans of tunnels. The annual cost of cleaning up behind them has been estimated at 100 million francs (about £10 million). Stiff new legal penalties range from heavy fines, accleaning duties, to up to two vears of hard labour.

#### **Delhi's** Russian links fade

Delhi: The end of India's special relationship with Moscow, which has been a cornerstone of foreign policy for 21 years, is spelled out in the draft of a new, watered down treaty that the two sides are expected to sign in the spring (Christopher Thomas writes).

It removes the central pro-vision of the Indo-Soviet Friendship Treaty of 1971 under which both sides. agreed to help the other in the event of war. India had wanted to save some of the warm language of the old accord. but Russia seems to have balked at acknowledging any kind of special relationship. President Yeltsin is due in Delhi in March or April to sign the pact.

Delhi has suggested that the two sides at least agree to consult each other in the event of armed conflict, but Russia has yet to say whether that is acceptable.

#### Algiers violence

Algiers: Groups of youths attacked security posts and road-blocks with stones and bottles in spite of a warning from the government against attempts to destabilise the new regime. Soldiers fired warning shots. (AFP)

#### Haiti accused

Loudon: Four months after the overthrow of Jean-Bertrand Aristide as presi-dent, arbitrary arrests. torture and unlawful executions are continuing in Haiti, according to a report released by Amnesty International.

#### Congo plea Brazzaville: André Milongo:

prime minister of Congo, came out of hiding to appeal for national calm after mutinous soldiers demanded his dismissal. He met his cabinet at an official building near his home. (Renter)

#### Testing time

Seoul: The annual stampede by thousands of South Korean pupils taking university entrance tests has been postponed because the examination papers have been stolen. The education minister has But the grey mood extends joint agreed policies. "Much offered to resign. (Reuter) beyond depression over offinas been said and written in

### Spain sobers up to 1992 as golden bubble bursts

FROM FRANK SMITH IN MADRID

A CARTOON in a Madrid newspaper recently depicted a man carrying a banner which read: "Rejoice — there are only 356 days to the end of the year."

The year 1992 had acquired almost mystical dimensions in Spain. It is the year not only of the single European marker but also of the Barcelona summer Olympic Games, the Seville World Fair and the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage. But Spaniards are waking up to the realisation that, for all the hype, many of their country's perennial problems remain unresolved. The 1992. bubble has burst.

The year started with a brutal wave of terrorist attacks - two of them in Barcelona. Five people killed by Eta. gunmen in almost as many days provided a reminder that while Basque extremism is confined to a tiny minority, it is still an open sore in the body politic and there is no magic ointment that can make it go away.

This sober mood, accompanied by daily reports in the press of alleged corruption at the highest levels — culminating in the resignation last week of a cabinet minister irritates the government, which accuses the opposition of deliberately spreading de-spondency and underestimating Spain's economic and political prospects. This led to an outburst at the weekend by Felipe González, the prime minister, on a tour of Latin America. Señor González dismissed recent scandalmongering as attempts by opposition politicians to hide their dirty linen.

"It is the sign of an opposition which is desperate because it knows it cannot replace us," Carlos Westendorp, Spain's minister for Europe, said. "Spaniards should not be depressed. there is plenty to celebrate. But the danger is that, if they continue to believe the reports of gloom, they will turn them into a self-fulfilling

prophecy."

cial corruption and horror over the randomness of the extremists' guns. "There is a mood of disenchantment," said Pedro Schwartz, professor of economics at Madrid University. "1992, now that it is here, already has a stale taste. What Spaniards are now asking is: who will pay the bills in 1993?"

It is partly to do with the fact that the good times are over. The bubble of several years' rapid growth following Spain's accession to the European Community has burst. A growth rate of 5 per cent is a thing of the past. Even at 2 per cent it is not at all bad but Spaniards are begin-

ning to feel the pinch of

This is particularly so in those parts untouched by this year's big celebrations. "For us." said Jabier Arzallus, the leader of the Basque Nationalist party on his re-election last week, "1992 is only the beginning of the countdown to 1993 and the European

single market." For the industrialised north the competitive edge needed to succeed in Europe is blunted. "We should have reconverted our steel industry 20 or 30 years ago," says Jabier Aguirre, director-general of the Bilbao chamber of commerce in the Basque country.

#### **Assertive Germany** wins US applause

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE United States welcomes 'German assertiveness''. Robert Kimmitt, the American ambassador, said yesterday in a careful speech aimed at encouraging greater par-ticipation by Bonn in world affairs ourside Europe.

At the same time he made plain that Washington does not want to see Germany flexing its muscles and acting on its own. There is still concern in the State Department that the German-led recognition of Croatia and Slovenia by the EC could have dangerous consequences.

Lawrence Eagleburger, the American assistant secretary of state, this week again criticised the EC's recognition of the two republics, and said it was clear that Germany had more weight in the Community since unification. He was not concerned about German assertiveness, however, although he foresaw there would have to be changes in EC procedures. The ambassador yesterday

politely made it clear that in future Germany should use its strength only to further

recent weeks, almost all by unnamed sources, that Americans are concerned or even disturbed by German asser-tiveness, he told the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. "Let me state, clearly and unequivocally, that we welcome and value this German assertiveness," Mr Kimmitt said, adding pointedly that this needed to be shown "in collective actions designed to achieve common goals and objectives."

German preoccupation with unification, the collapse of the Soviet Union and the break-up of Yugoslavia mean little attention has been paid in Bonn recently to world problems outside Europe. American, French and British criticism of Germany's role in Yugoslavia stung the chancellor last week into asserting that his country had nothing to be ashamed of and other countries would have to learn to live with the reality that Germany was "the number one economic power in Europe." He admitted, however, that this meant Germany had new responsibilities, and Mr Kimmitt noted this "with satisfaction"

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### Seizure of key bridge leads to Georgian ceasefire

FROM REUTER IN GRIGOLETI, GEORGIA

west of the Transcaucasian

republic, from temporary ex-

ile in neighbouring Armenia.

which head a military council

sent troops to the area to put a

stop to his attempt to return

In fierce fighting yesterday.

forces of the military council

captured a bridge over the river Tskhenis Tskali, outside

the key rail centre of Sam-

tredia, thus opening the way

to an advance on Poti. "We

will develop this attack. This is not an opera ... We will drive them into the sea," an

exhausted Jaba Ioseliani. co-

chairman of the council, said.

the streets of the town broad-

casting appeals for blood do-

nors. Aircraft from the

former Soviet air force

swooped low over the scene of

the fighting before turning

away without intervening.

Four government soldiers

were killed in the battle and

six others were wounded. There was no immediate

news of casualties among the

forces who are loyal to Mr

The battle for the bridge

began when loyalists aban-

doned their sniper campaign

and launched an assault on

government positions. Heavy

artillery and automatic gun-

Mr Baramidze, said that,

after the breakthrough by

military council troops at the

bridge, he talked by tele-

phone to Mr Ioseliani, who

agreed to draw up a peace

Mr Garnsakhurdia, elected

by a landslide in free elections

last May, has been accused by

fire shook the area.

Gamsakhurdia.

A police car raced through

IN THE wake of a key battle his native Mengrelia, in the and as a result of negotiations in this remote village, forces loyal to Georgia's President Anti-Gamsakhurdia forces. Gamsakhurdia yesterday agreed a truce with troops of and provisional government, the government that toppled him from power.

· Tengiz Baramidze, mayor of the nearby Black Sea city of Poti, and representatives of the government forces sent from Tbilisi, the capital, agreed to lay down their weapons at 14.00 GMT and to arrange further peace talks. But it was not certain that the ceasefire, arranged in an area which provides the base for Mr Gamsakhurdia's attempts to regain power, will hold, or even if it covers all the region's trouble-spots.

We decided we must stop this war. It is enough. On the other side of the barricades are Georgians. They are our sons," said Mr Baramidze.

Mr Gamsakhurdia called for civil war after returning to

#### Sad band of zealots honours Lenin

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

FEWER than 250 people turned out in Moscow yesterday afternoon in the vicious cold and snow to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the death of Lenin, Mostly elderly, the sorry little band gathered in front of the Lenin museum, then shuffled for 10 minutes through the snow to the mausoleum in Red Square with their red flags and red carnations.

There, they formed up in a ragged guard of honour and unfurled defiant banners saythan the living" and pledging a revival of leninism. In the background the floodlit Russian tricolour, now flying over the Kremlin in place of the hammer and sickle, symbolised the power that the communists had lost.

During the day the head of the Kremlin staff denied a report that Lenin's body would be removed from the mausoleum overnight for reburial in St Petersburg. Ru-mours have been rife for weeks that Lenin will soon be removed and the mausoleum shut down, but the guards are still in place.

The Russian authorities appear to judge that a change at present would be more trouble than it would be worth. The minimal support yesterday for one of the key dates in the communist calendar showed that for the time being they are probably right.

THE spread of Islamic fun-

damentalism is increasing

pressure on Arab universi-

ties to teach all courses only in Arabic, raising fears of academic isolation from the

rest of the world. Islamic militants claim that Arabic,

language of the Koran, has

endless depth and can han-

die new sciences and ter-

minology. But the move is

being strongly resisted by

many academics and mod-

Until the recent explosion

of Islamic fervour, scientific

subjects in most of the 20

member states of the Arab

League were taught in Eng-

lish or French. The arts are

taught in Arabic. Abrupt

transformations with little

preparation have been ordered in Algeria and Su-

dan, the countries where fundamentalism is spread-

Universities in Algeria

were ordered recently to

teach only in Arabic, a few

months after the Islamic

fundamentalist movement

secured the enactment of a

law banning the use of

French in government and

business transactions. In

spite of fines of up to £2,500, the ban is being

widely ignored.

The difficulties are more

serious in Sudan, the back-

ward country being used by

ing most quickly.

erate Muslims.

#### Kazakhs confirm nuclear arms test

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By MICHAEL BINYON **DIPLOMATIC EDITOR** 

KAZAKH officials yesterday confirmed reports that a long-range nuclear missile was test-fired from its territory last month, but said that they had no control over the powerful central Soviet military authorities at the time and were not given details. President Nazarbayev reas-

sured Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that Kazakh-stan, one of the four independent nuclear republics, would abide by international arms control agreements. British officials said yesterday that the firing, which has stirred controvery within the former Soviet Union, did not raise any new worries about the republics' commitments to the Minsk and Alma Ata agreements on maintaining unified control over the Soviet nuciear arsenal.

Kazakh officials told Izvestia that a modified SS-19 - an intercontinental ballistic missile with a range of 6,000 miles was fired from the Tyuratam launch site on December 20. They said that the final order rested with the commanders of the strategic

The firing itself did not breach the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start) as this has not yet been ratified. However, the ban on encoding the test data came into force in November, and the reported encryption of the missile's data did, therefore, represent a technical violation.

Izvestia on Monday night also quoted General Yuri Gusev, responsible for central space armaments, as confirming the launch, which he said was scheduled months in advance before the breakup of the Soviet Union. He said that the SS-19 was modified for a space shot but gave no details of its purpose.

Mr Hurd was told nothing

the opposition of governing like a dictator. He was forced of the incident during his from office on January 6 after discussions earlier this week coming under siege in the with Mr Nazarbayev. These now gutted Georgian parlicovered Western concerns ament building in Tbilisi. over the possible leakage of • Kiev: Ukraine will com-Soviet nuclear technology plete the swearing in of the and movement abroad of estimated 750,000 former nuclear engineers, as well as Soviet army and air force observance of the nuclear the next fortnight, according the four republics. to General Konstantin Mor-

Mr Nazarbayev gave a firm ozov, the republic's defence promise that his government minister (Robert Seely would try to prevent any leakage of nuclear technology or Although the general said yesterday that the task was "almost complete", he admitpersonnel. However, despite a promise to sign the nonproliferation treaty, he appted that up to 30 per cent of Russian and other former ears unwilling at this stage to do so as a non-nuclear power. Soviet nationals in some of believing that the weapons on the military units had refused Kazakh soil might still be to take the Ukrainian oath of useful as a bargaining chip.

However, Mr Hurd was reassured that Kazakhstan is ready to scrap tactical nuclear weapons. It wants time and Western aid to get rid of all nuclear weapons.

The foreign secretary was warmly received by leaders of all three republics, who were grateful for British aid and political support. In a lengthy meeting. President Yeltsin was frank about Russia's tensions with other republics, especially Ukraine.

The campaign is being resisted fiercely in moderate

Arab countries such as

Egypt and Jordan.
The fierce debate over

language for education fol-

lows the recent seizure of

books at the Cairo Interna-

tional Book Fair by Muslim clerics. In an unprecedented

response, the impounding

of seven religious books by

Egypt's highest Muslim in-

stitute was overturned on

the orders of President

Mubarak, who opposes the fundamentalists.

British knowbow: The

British, who gave Cairo its

first sewage system in 1915, were on hand yesterday to inaugurate its long-needed

replacement, again largely built and designed by Brit-

ish engineers and backed by

British grants and loans to-

The Duke of Gloucester

joined President Mubarak

at the ceremonial opening

of the "Greater Cairo

Wastewater Project". de-

signed to cope with a daunt-

ing flow of two million tonnes of raw sewage a day. This will rise to over three

million by 2000. The laby-

rinth of tunnels is planned to rid Cairo of the floods of

untreated sewage which can

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affect residential areas.

talling £245 million.

Coup theory, page 1

The speed with which the

republic has proceeded to

take over former Soviet forces

here means that when Presi-

dent Kravchuk meets his Russian and other partners in the

Commonwealth of Indepen-

dent States for their next

summit, to be held on Febru-

ary 14 in Minsk, the Belorus-

sian capital, he will present

Academics resist pressure

for Arabic-only teaching

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

Iran as the main spring-board for spreading funda-

mentalism. The military junta issued an edict last

September barring teaching

in anything but Arabic. That

has been a crippling aca-demic problem because six million of the 26 million

Sudanese are black, non-

Muslim southerners who

mostly speak English or

Mubarak: opponent of

the fundamentalists

tribal languages and have

Tunisia has introduced

Arabic-only education, but

only to the age of about 15.

For the moment, sciences

have been exempted and will still be taught in

French. Bahrain has pub-

lished a plan for making the

conversion which has not

been implemented so far.

no Arabic.

them with a fait accompli.

allegiance.



Warrior women: armed female members of the Serbian territorial defence force gathering near the town of Titova Korenica in Croatia yesterday

### Serb bishops attack deal

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

has not experienced a reli-

THE bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church have criticised the government of President Milosevic and condemned the United Nations peace plan for Croatia. In a message issued by the Holy Synod of the Orthodox

Church, the bishops described the situation as a "terrible hour of our history". saying that people's confi-dence in the leadership of Serbia and Yugoslavia was 'seriously shaken". The Serbian Orthodox

Church has always been identified with the Serbian state, and on Saturday Mr Milos evic had a three-hour meeting with Patriarch Pavle, but the bishops' outburst has no precedent in modern history. The bishops' statement is a serious blow for Mr Milosevic, especially as they side with militant Serb leaders in Croatia who are refusing to accept the UN plan signed by Mr Milosevic.

"In the name of the entire Serbian nation, the church rejects all deals," says the bishops' statement. "Such deals the church would only recognise if they were the result of a consensus of all

The vast majority of Serbs are Orthodox while Croats

are Roman Catholic. Centuries-old religious rivalry has been overlaid with nationalism Unlike in many former communist countries, the Serbian Orthodox Church

### **Israelis** draft in troops

FROM RICHARD BEESTON HUNDREDS of Israeli rein-

forcements have been drafted into the occupied territories over the past few days, in an action ostensibly ordered to bolster the security forces but also intended to stem rightwing criticism of the government before the elections. The Israeli defence force said yesterday that Moshe

Arens, the defence minister,

and General Ehud Barak, the chief of staff, had ordered a 20 per cent increase in the number of troops in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, estimated to be about 10.000. In addition, the activities of undercover army unitshave been stepped up and apermanent military outpost has been established at Rachaelim. Yesterday's announcement

coincided with official government statistics which confirm the increase in settlements in the occupied territories. The treasury said that in the first nine months of 1991 construction had begun on 6.435 housing units in the West Bank and Gaza Strip compared with 1,820 for the same period in 1990. The 1991 figure represented more than 10 per cent of all Israeli housing construction. gious revival, but it has moved to recover its political position and its role as moral mentor of the nation. The quarrel between Mr Milosevic and Serb leaders in Croatia has presented the bishops with an opportunity to exploit political divisions for their own interests. "Especially now, many Serbs feel that the church role

religion is just about the only difference between Croats and Serbs," said Professor Bogdan Denitch, a Serb political sociologist from Croatia. "It is not a question of religion, it is a question of identity. In this sense the conflict in Croatia is like Northem Ireland. You do not have to be religious to state your

ZAGREB NOTEBOOK by Anne McElvoy

#### Hitler's ghost takes seat at Croat feast

he singer, decked in a pink evening dress, has the dewy look compulsory for Croatian singers who dominate evening television schedules. Her song is the newest popular hit. a mark of gratitude for Germany's staunch defence of its independence cause.

In between choruses of Danke Deutschland, the song tells of an overflowing heart, a dream come true and an eternal bond. It is a suitable representation of the new German-Croatian relationship which, in the aftermath of recognition, has taken on the intensity of an overheated love affair.

There are paeans and endless media profiles of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. In the Adriatic port of Split, one cafe owner has renamed his hostelry Cafe Genscher after Hans Dietrich Genscher, the for-eign minister whose aboutturn on the subject of independence last July provided the foundation for the later German patronage of Croatia and Slovenia's cause in

the European Community. It is a good time to be a German in Zagreb. Hand-shakes, free drinks and broad smiles are the standard welcome. Britons can expect tight-lipped enqui-ries about the less than enthusiastic British embrace of independence.

The only shadow over the German-Čroatian relationship is east by the past. For as unaccaptable as it is to allude to the fact in either Germany or Croatia, the last time the bonds were so close was when Hitler instigated the Nazi-backed Ustasha regime in Croatia from 1941 to 1945. The new Croatia will be as economically dependent on Germany after this war as it was for its statehood during the second world war.

Despite the space devotpers to the plight of Croatia and the required response by the West, the subject of uncomfortable echoes has been studiously ignored. The Croatian government is still mealy-mouthed in its

treatment of the Ustasha period. The mass killing of Serbs still tends to be matched by accounts of Serb killings of Croats, and Croatia's readiness to enter the sphere of Nazi influence is excused by its hankering for autonomy from

On Saturday the rehabili-tation of Cardinal Stepinac, the wartime leader of the Catholic Church subsequently convicted by the communists of war crimes, took place. Cardinal



Stepinac was indeed unfairly treated, but his role in the Ustasha period and that of the Catholic Church was far from honourable.

On the other side of the lines, in Serbia, there is an outpowing of anti-German spite. Herr Genscher is the new begeyman, portrayed on one magazine

cover as a vampire. A cottage industry has spring up producing anti-German propaganda. One of the most polished expo-nents is Bozidar Dikic, a government Politiku newspaper who was the first to accuse the Germans of aiming to build a new empire from the Baltie to the Adriatic. "What is happening now is pure revanchism."
he said. "An attempt by Germany to regain what it lost in the war.

Those of Mr Dikic's persuasion in Serbia — and their ranks are continuing to grow - are convinced it German post-unification is following the same aims as the Germany of the 1930s

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### Prospects for old gold

Richard Ingrams's The Oldie is the latest - but certainly not the last magazine to be directed at the affluent reader who has reached a certain age

THE insouciant Richard Ingrams has discovered old age, and the middle-aged pretender — for at 54 he is not yet bus-passed behind the ears - is angry that oldies are culturally

There is nothing like a nice bit of rage (real or feigned) to give a new magazine an edge. As a result, The Oldie, due to hit the

newsstands on February 20 and edited by Ingrams, the founder of Private Eye, will have a strong attitudinal focus, even if its age profile is a little blurred. There are two kinds of magazine

editor. There are those like Helen. Gurley Brown and her orgasms in Cosmopolitan, who want to share with us their newly discovered lifeexperiences, and those like Jenny Greene of Country Life, who may not have known her stubbleburning from her 12th-century glass when she became editor, but was smart enough to recruit and motivate writers who did. :..

Mr Ingrams is of the first variety. The day he discovered that his cultural isolation had more to do with age than intellect must have been traumatic. His reaction was to embrace maturity with the enthusiasm of an octogenarian who pretends he's over 90.

The young are now the enemy. When you can no longer dance to the tunes of youth, you may as well

shoot the composers.

His irritation with youth will undoubtedly find an echo among the newly middle-aged. Mass sales are not Mr Ingrams's ambition, but whether his mix of current affairs, arts, history and politics will find a gap in the market or

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disappear down a big black hole remains to be seen. The blind launch is what makes magazine publishing

so exciting.

Even without a magazine to call their own, the upmarket over-45s are not brain dead. Most of the ABC1s (managers and professional class-es) from whom Mr ingrams will build his readership, can read without mov-

ing their lips. What they read presents a diverting profile. The average age of national newspaper readers is 46. Among oldies, the clear winners are the Sunday Express and The Daily Telegraph, more than half of whose readers are, on average, age 50 or over. This age/class group buys and borrows more books. Six out of ten say they have read a book in the past month; 7 per cent

more than five years ago.

Of the 2,200 UK consumer magazine titles, those with the highest proportion of ABCI readers aged over 45 reflect the adman's soft focus stereotype. Thus, as Richard Clayderman plays Mantovani we see typical. upmarket oldie magazine readers pottering around their large gardens, lighting bonfires with the Illustrated London News, cutting out recipes from the Women's Institute magazine or surveying The Field.

On wet Saturday afternoons, she flips through the silken pages of Woman's Journal (which has been subtly re-targeted to reach this age group) or Woman & Home, while he carches up with Management Today. In the evenings they sit up in bed



Satired out: Richard Ingrams, an enfant terrible grown up, has gone from Private Eye to The Oldie

Magazines (excluding newspaper supplements) on the National Re Survey (April-September 1991) read by ABC1 adults aged 45 and over

	AB	C1 Readers Aged	45+
	000s readers	As % of all readers	index vs population
Population	8,239	18.2	100
*Saga	508	61.9	339
The Garden	168	57.5	316
Illustrated London News	90	48.4	265 264 222 220 210
Home & Country	149	48.1	264
Woman's Journal	281	40.5	222
*Choice	115	40.1	220
Woman & Home	785	38.2	210
The Field	108	38.2	209
Expression (GB)	229	37.0	203
Money Observer	67	36.4	200

planning holidays, shopping trips and personal investment with Expressions!, Money Observer and Investor's Chronicle; money has clearly overtaken sex.

A preoccupation with home design, DIY, a spot of golf and some high society gossip rounds off the picture.

I do not instantly recognise this composite golden oldie. For example, the average reader of the retirement magazine Choice is, at 62, the owner of his own unmort-

gaged home, carries one or more credit cards, has an average in-come of £17.500, and takes five

holidays a year. And, with articles such as "Sex after hip replacement" featuring strongly, you might assume all readers of Choice to be aged well over 45. But this is not so. Four out of every ten ABC1 readers of Choice magazine are younger

n fact, each magazine's mature readership is subtly dif-ferent. Soon, the changing demographics will force manufacturers and publishers to redefine and sub-divide the mature

in 2001 there will be at least a million more 50 to 59-year-olds than today. They will be healthier than their parents were at the same age, and more of them will be working, with income to spend.

None of this is new information

to a market researcher, but rarely has a recognised market been so cautiously embraced in the magazine and advertising world. This is cisions are so often made by smart young things for whom anyone over 40 has dropped off the

demographic map.

But the column inches devoted to The Oldie, an intellectually upmarket magazine that aims to sell no more than 30,000 to 50,000 copies a month, will ensure that the market is talked about, if not taken seriously.

■ The author is a former editor of Woman and Woman's Own. Cover Story is her monthly review of the

### Whose lie was it anyway?

The story was an election-year shocker, and could have severely damaged Labour's chances. If it had been true

Evening Standard

of last Friday could not have Labour. Under the headline "Labour's tax will hit one in three", the London evening news-paper reported that more than a third of London's taxpayers would third of London's taxpayers would lose under Labour's proposal to increase tax and national insurance contributions by the better off. The newspaper attributed this figure to the "independent and highly respected" Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS).

This followed Partie Four's To-

This followed Radio Four's Today programme, in which Peter Hobday, the interviewer, suggested to Labour's treasury spokesman, Chris Smith, that one in three voters would be hit. The story was not only damag-

ing to Labour. It was also untrue. The IFS hurriedly published the study on which the re-ports had been hased. It showed that only 20 per cent of families would lose in London, and 18 per cent in the South-East, from Labour's tax and national insur-

ance proposals. Excluding the self-employed — and Labour's plans specifically say that it will Taxing time: the front page

the self-employed separately—the figures drop to 16 per cent in London, and 14 per cent in the South-East. The IFS study also shows that, when account is taken of Labour's promises to increase child benefit and pensions, many more would be better off as a result of Labour's proposals than would be worse off.

On Saturday, the pro-Labour Daily Mirror headlined its account of the report, "Labour tax plan is a winner.' The Standard and Today sto-

ries also damaged the IFS. Al-though Bill Robinson, the institute's former director, is now a special adviser to Norman Lamont, it is strictly non-parti-san, and its reports have often provided ammunition to both parties. The IFS favours the abolition of an upper earnings ceiling for national insurance, proposed by Labour, and to have its study quoted in this way shook Andrew Dilnot, the current director. "I did not eat all day on

Saturday," Mr Dilnot says.

What went wrong? Was it a mistake or an anti-Labour conspiracy? The Labour party believes the latter. The entirely bogus figure has now emerged as simply another distortion, manufactured by Conservative Central

Office," Mr Smith says. Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, accused the Tories of distortion, and formally complained to

Tory Central Office firmly de-nies that it had anything to do with the stories. It is preparing its own figures, but they are not yet ready, a spokesman says. This account is privately confirmed by the journalists concerned.

the journalists concerned.

Their story runs as follows. Mr
Hobday made a slip in saying that
a third of voters would lose, he
meant to say a third of tax-payers.
The origin of that figure is
mysterious. Some journalists
claim that they had gained the
impression that it came from the
ITS: the institute denies giving impression that it came from the IFS; the institute denies giving any cause for this. It also figured in a Saturday report of the study from Philip Stephens, the Financial Times's respected political editor, who said that "other experts" (unspecified) claimed that, if house-

holds which did not pay National Insurance con-tributions were excluded, the proportion of London losers would be closer to 30 per cent.

source of the original error, once it had been reported it spilt dium to another. The Evening Standard did not have the IFS report to hand. It tailed to contact

of the Evening Standard the institute early in the day to confirm the Charles Reiss, the newspaper's

political editor, decided to rely on the Today programme research. It was after noon before the Labour party protested at his handling of the story, but, by then,

it was too late to correct it.

The paper set the record right in its next edition, on Monday. By then. Today had also corrected its error, by interviewing both Mr Dilnot and Mr Smith again on the

Saturday morning.

An honest error was made, and honestly corrected. But none of those involved can be entirely proud of their role. The IFS's desire to get its information speedily into the public domain is laudable, but it could have been more careful in promoting its

study before publication. Today got its facts wrong. Mr does anyone believe that the pro-Conservative Standard would have led the paper under the headline it did if the story had been damaging, not to Labour, but to the Tories?

For the media in the spotlight in an election year, the lesson should be: you cannot be too careful if you want to preserve your credibility.

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### Fact or fiction, truth is an acquired taste

quires new urgency. How far is an artist entitled to bend reality while ostensibly depict-ing it? Last week, John Keane, the British painter sent to the Gulf war, revealed his vision of that conflict. Such paintings as Mickey Mouse at the Front are explicit, horrific and sardonic: a combination of qualities that has proved too strong for some tastes.

Meanwhile, Oliver Stone's film JFK opens in London on Friday. It is his latest attempt to exorcise the demons of Sixues liberal mythology; this one postulates a grand conspiracy theory about Kennedy's assassination that has sent the acid flying in the American media.

Keane and Stone belong to a special category of artistic dissenters: those who claim (or are given) the status of reportage, but who then inject enough fantasy or speculation to twist the received wisdom. There are less troublesome ways to comment on historical events. For instance, artists who wait long enough rarely get into hot water. Shakespeare offered a hugely partisan and provocative view of English history. but at a distance of decades. sometimes centuries, from the figures he was depicting. Joan Littlewood's song-anddance lampoon of the first world war, Oh! What a Lovely War, came out a safe 40 years after the event. By contrast, Keane's Mickey Mouse figure grins out at a devastated Kuwait a mere 12 months later.

There again, satirists have always had more licence to provoke than "serious" artists. Indeed, exaggeration The controversy over Gulf war

painter John Keane's work is only the latest

conflict between art and historical truth, argues

Richard Morrison

prime tools of the satirist's

art. Similarly, there are dramatists who concoct their tales as fantasies around the events, rather as a skilled musician might improvise upon a pre-existent theme. Alan Bleasdale's television drama series GBH was, viewers were assured, definitely not about Militant, Liverpool and Derek Hatton. In the same way, Washington Behind Closed Doors, that compulsive television series of the late Seventies, was assuredly not about Richard Nixon and his gang of compliant villains, though it was based on a novel by one of them - John Ehrlichman, If audiences found strange coincidences between fact and fiction, well, that was up to them.

In his approach to JFK, however, Stone comes far closer to that most controversial of all television formats the drama-documentary. So the worst crime that he can be accused of is dishonesty: that he wilfully misrepresented evident historical truths.

But when we are assessing our own era, what is an evident truth? What we see on television or in newspapers? You do not need to share Stone's gargantuan appetite

recognise the shortcomings of these channels. Politicians hone the subtle skill of newsmanagement all the time, and when they lack the wit to be subtle they try heavier tactics. One recalls the unfortunate words chosen by John Gorst, then chairman of the Conservative backbench media committee, to welcome Thames Television's 1988 documentary Death on the Rock, which presented a view of the Gibraltar killings different from his own: "I do not say that Thames should lose its licence immediately, but that should be borne in mind." Thames lost its fran-

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Journalists, in any case, can rarely publish or broadcast all that they know, often for mundane reasons. That was illustrated last week in a letter to The Times from Roger James of Central Television, which hopes to establish an archive of television journalism. It will provide, he wrote, "an invaluable library of unedited interviews and associated materials much of which is never included in the final programme due to limit-

chise last year.

hat begs two crucial questions. If it is reaches the public, is it news? And if it isn't news, will it ever be history? Perhaps this is where artists have a role. Unlike journalists, who are (rightly) dissuaded from fantasising in the absence of facts, artists are valued for their imaginations.

They may deploy those imaginations to shock their audiences into recognition of a hidden truth: the Keane method. The context in which his paintings should be seen



Fictions? Above: John Keane's Mickey Mouse at the Front. Below: Mao (John Duykers) and Nixon (James Maddalena) in Nixon in China



is new research which has found that footage of casualties comprised only three per cent of all British television coverage of the Gulf war. That was probably the result of admirable editorial judgements. But it does reinforce a pression at the time, that television was showing us some unreal "star wars" video game, shorn of human suffering. So Keane's artistic stance graphic and aghast — is a

Or else artists may try to

the "why" of history. This is what Stone is loudly claiming for JFK. In fact, his film is only the latest in a long Hollywood tradition. Nor is the making of "contemporary mythology" confined to the cinema. One particularly impressive and popular example was an opera: Nixon in China, devised in 1988 by the composer John Adams, poet Alice Goodman and theatre director Peter Sellars. In the opera the politicians - Nixon, Mao, Kissinger, Chou En-lai — believe themselves to be in control of momentous happenings. Yet all they do is utter fatuous platitudes, while the main action is given to

What we watch, in fact, is a clever, late 20th century reworking of the thesis that Tolstoy offered in War and Peace: events determine rulers' actions, not vice versa. This idea of history as a machine, over which individuals have no power, was

non-singing dancers.

in the same team's next fected water. Years later, a opera, The Death of Kling-hoffer, about the hijackers and hijacked aboard the

n 1988 Nixon in China could be dismissed as a preposterously arry view of modern politics. Of course politicians control political events! But one year later, as the freedom movements in eastern Europe grew totally beyond polinicians control, the Tolstoyan view seemed much more plausible. Artists do sometimes dis-

play uncanny prescience. Michael Dobbs wrote an absurdly far-fetched thriller. House of Cards, about an internal coup toppling a Tory prime minister — and the thing actually happened as on television. Ken Russell was rubbished for a melodramafilm The Music Lovers) that Tchaikovsky took his own life by deliberately drinking inSoviet music archive was opened up to reveal that as much licence as they want, to twist the authorised version of history? That is a trick question. As anyone visiting the current exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art in Oxford will attest, art is as capable of spreading a Big Lie as it is of exposing one. The exhibition is of "Soviet

Socialist Realist Painting": a grotesque collection of laughing tractor drivers and joyous women coalminers about their tasks with a light heart in Stalin's blissful Soviet Union. In the history of every art form there are similar black patches when we find artists behaving shamefully or cowardly. Artists bave no claim as of right to the moral high ground But a society that stops its artists from speaking out probably has no moral high

### Never mind the value, who's got the price?

London's top contemporary art fair opens tomorrow. Sarah Jane Checkland reports that dealers appear uncertain how collectors can be persuaded to buy

he image of the art dealer may be one of a Porsche-driving parasite. But as Tim Taylor coordinated the delivery of four giant sculptures by Barry Flanagan to Art 92, the contemporary art fair opening tomorrow at the Business Design Centre in Islington, glamour seemed far away. For times are hard, and the art market is becalmed. Art 92 is the market leader among contemporary art fairs only because Art London, its Olympia-based rival, has folded.

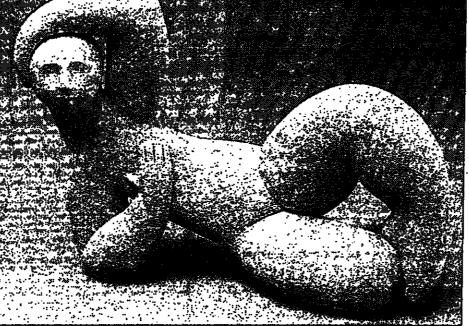
At an average price of £100,000, the Flanagan sculptures appear to confirm chances of selling at Art 92,

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where prices range from £500 up to £100,000, are slight. Back in his Cork Street headquarters, Taylor's boss Leslie Waddington had just finished lowering his prices by 30 per cent. "Anyone who didn't", he said, "would be insane."

So what is the true nature of the art dealer? Is he a conman, a parasite? Or a hero trying to persuade the British public to appreciate its own living culture? Unfortunately, despite their image of slickness, a succession of dealers exhibiting at Art 92 failed in their efforts to explain exactly what is happen-ing in British art now that gloom has followed boom. Here is Taylor himself: There is a distinct feeling

that the pictures are English and couldn't have been made anywhere else. They reflect the whole of English painting and art work." Benjamin Rhodes, who will be offering a mixed bag of work by artists including Eileen Cooper, well-known for her mother-and-baby paintings, merely said: "A lot is in the melting pot at the moment. We have to turn away from this busi-



Hoping to make a sale: a bronze, F.F., by Vanessa Pooley, which will be at Art 92

ness of heroes and the taste makers, critics, collectors and dealers. The next few years will be interesting." Jill George, a specialist in

desolate urban landscapes peopled with faceless troglodytes, said: "Values have changed and artists are producing more thoughtful work. Art by younger artists is very strong. It is eclectic, fi-gurative. It makes you think."

And what of the artists themselves? "The word-dealer is like the word developer. It is never uttered except with disdain, but how do people

think cities get built?" com-mented Richard Wentworth, one of a stable of successful sculptors represented by Lisson Gallery in London. "An artist should be in the studio getting on with the work while someone else does

the business

Maggi Hambling, well-known from her appearance on Gallery, a television quiz show. After struggling, unrepresented, for years, Harnbling recently succumbed to the advances of the dealer Bernard Jacobson, who will offer monotypes by her at the

Good dealers often keep artists afloat during the bad

times: the abstract artist Patrick Heron, who is handled been given "endless shows. year after year, while hardly anything sold". Bad dealers, on the other hand, are blamed for cashing in on the desperation of unknown artists by making them hire the exhibition space and pay for the framing of their work.

S till, artists generally feel that dealers are essential as huffers because artists and buyers. Instead of blaming dealers for their profits, many artists point the finger of blame at British consumers, asking why they do not buy the culture of their own time. Even during the boom, they say, the best of young artists could only expect to earn £10,000 in a good year.

"In other countries collec-tors are intellectually curious about the work being pro-duced by their own artists," says Conrad Atkinson, a conceptual artist represented by the Ronald Feldman gallery in New York, because, he says, there are no far-seeing, compatible dealers over here. "Here they would prefer to buy a George III sugar

• Art 92 will be at the Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, London N1 (071-359 3535), from tomorrow until

#### Here's JUSE

THAT rarest of events - 2 tenor conducting a nenor — will be the highlight of the Seville Expo in April when Placido Domingo conducts Jose Carreras in Carmen. But first, Carreras will warm up with his first British concert of 1992, at the Albert Hall on April 3, singing his favourite operatic arias with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. In July, the Spanish tenor returns to his hometown of Bar-celona to take part in the opening and closing ceremo-nies of the Olympic Games.

Gone nutty

ENGLISH National Ballet's new staging of The Nutcracker has, according to the company, broken every boxoffice record in the 41 years that ENB has been presenting the ballet in London at Christmas. More than 70,000 people went to the Festival Hall to see the pro-

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duction (choreographed by Ben Stevenson and designed by Desmond Heeley), which took £1.3 million at the box office over four weeks.

Hall away SIR Peter Hall is taking a

break from London to stage the world premiere at New York's Lincoln Centre of John Guare's new play, Four Baboons Adoring the Sun, set to open in March. Hall got the job when Guare's frequent collaborator, director Jerry Zaks, was busy with his own Broadway revival of Guys and Dolls. Stockard Channing, leading lady of Guare's recent hit, Six Degrees of Separation, heads the cast for his new play.

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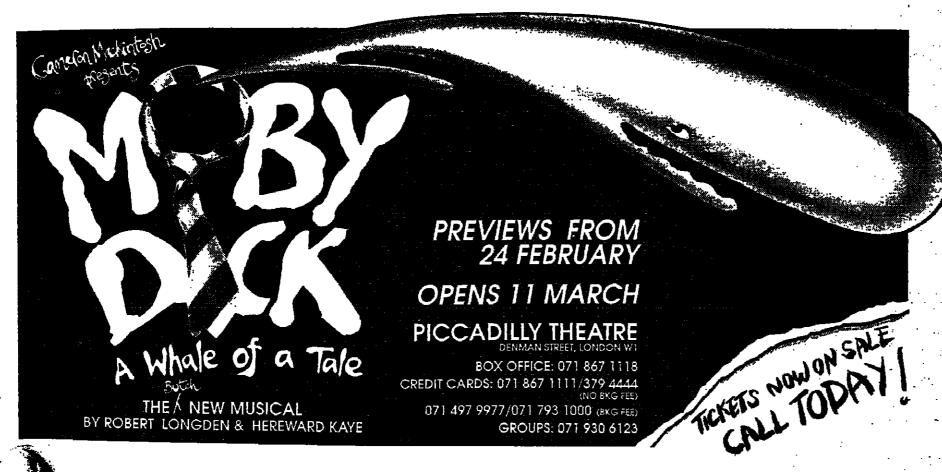
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THE British International Toy and Hobby Fair — a trade only exhibition to which no children

are allowed -- begins on Saturday

at Earls Court. Many toy manufacturers are still reeling after one of the industry's most depressing Christmases, but *The Economist* Intelligence Unit reports a slow

but steady growth of electronic

learning aids such as "talking computers" and speaking spelling games. The market for 1991 was valued at £23 million — less than a

tenth the value of the electronic games market, but has doubled

over the past three years. Parental

approval is considered a powerful

factor in its success. New at the

fair this year will be Adam Leisure Grandstand's "Computer Kid" a compact dual-screen teaching

device, and VTech's Super Smart

Start which boasts a 200-word vocabulary and makes spelling

and maths fun, as well as teaching computer literacy. Mark Mat-

tocks of Adams Leisure says: "The

move over the next decade will be

towards making these products more specific to each country, so

that they relate to what is being

learned in schools." And maybe then they will all stop having

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American accents.

### Clever checks in the post?

Libby Purves tries a new mail order test of educational development for parents to give their children at home

'We've seen

too many

years'

the same age, perhaps? Homework seems a bit skimpy? Is the harmony of your family circle shattered every time Kenneth Clarke comes on the news with another puzzling initiative? And does the teacher keep telling you not to worry?

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either sit back with relieved sigh ("Two years ahead") or else burst in on his or armed with black-and-white proof, provided by chartered educational psychologists, that your child is simply performing.

and what does the head propose to do about it? I simplify, of course, but as recent educational initiatives go. this one is almost alarmingly simple. So simple that one can easily see millions of primary school parents - tormented by that paranoid mistrust of teachers which is whipped up in some sections of the press - grabbing it as a lifeline. While the education secretary's angels wrestle on the head of a pin over "targets" and "assessments", two educational psychologists have taken matters into their own hands.

One is Dr Judith Haynes BA PhD FBPsS — 22 years in practice, a teacher before that, and erstwhile officer of the National Foundation for Educational Research: she has a dyslexic daughter and says she had trouble getting the condition accepted by teachers. "They kept saying that it was me making her anxious." The other is Peter Kendall, BA, PGCE. AFBPSS, former teacher and educational psychologist in the Hampshire LEA. The half four children pass through state.

Together they have started buildings what are they going Scholarcheck, the instant assess in do with this information?

schoolchild? Not as advanced as you remember being at age, perhaps? Homems a bit skimpy? Is the of your family circle every time Kenneth schoolchild? Not as and claim to be highly supportive of the teaching profession ("Many super teachers, working their age, perhaps? Homems a bit skimpy? Is the being knocked by all sorts of people"). They present their service as little more than a way in vice as little more than a way in which parents can check on progress, as they would on a child's height and weight. There is, they insist, a need.

"It's difficult for parents to know for sure when to worry about their child's progress. They get a lot of putting-down, especially the women, and don't persist. Teachers discourage independent assessments, so they don't have their own base to argue from. Test

results are almost always confidential to teachers and reports are often too general," Haynes cases where Scholarcheck, by placing a child against the acchildren have cepted average for struggled for give parents the confidence to make more informed decisions about education".

> A veiled threat, if ever there was one. At least, it was interpreted thus when I spent a sadistic weekend flourishing the sample pack at an assorment of state and private school teachers. The words, "I can't believe it", "I'm glad I'm renring", and "Crazy", were much in evidence, followed by, "I hope Mrs X doesn't hear about this, she'll do it three times a term." One observed that it was bail enough the quality press printing sample tests based on a hasty reading of the national curriculum the thought of being confronted by a test marked by an outside expert depressed them even more "Especially when the expert hasn't met the child."

A spokesman from the National Union of Teachers, on being read the promotional material, observed through audibly gritted teeth: "Informed decisions? I am very concerned at the simplistic attitudes behind that. The govern-ment's new Parents Charter offers endless information which was already available, but makes no promises about class sizes, resourcing of schools, the state of



Progress report: Judith Haynes and Peter Kendall, the creators of Scholarcheck, claim to be supportive of the teaching profession

mary school teachers and parents, she let slip a rather unsupportive coda: "Many parents believe their child is a potential Einstein. Home testing of this kind can encourage that mentality." Why should a simple idea like this unleash such fear and loathing? Perhaps this is what five years of public teacherbashing has done. Dr Haynes and Mr Kendall

stand firm. "We have seen in practice too many cases where children have struggled for years and should have been helped earlier," Dr Haynes says. Their aim, through advertising in national newspapers, is to get direct to the parents, including those who would not think of affording a consultation with an educational psychologist-"Some parents,"-Mr Kendail concedes, "push too hard. But because of them, are all others

Schools that are confident will take this in their stride". If a child scores worryingly low, they offer a personal consultation for £150, "deducting the cost of the original test", and advise contact with the teacher. "But we don't think people should be

patronised by being told they won't understand the information so they can't have it. You can't measure intellect, but you can measure literacy and numeracy."

efore calling on Dr Haynes and Mr Kendall I had bribed a child with Brazilian banknote out of The Times) to sit the papers. She likes tests, and with many a modish cry of "Aye carumba!" and "Eat my shorts!", batted through them in half an hour, reading from "jam" to "incandescent" although unaccountably failing to

'luscious" without an h. Mr Kendall good-naturedly took the papers, unlabelled except as to the child's sex, and rather impressively diagnosed her reading. spelling and maths ages precisely as her school had done; he also correctly guessed her real age from the writing. "So she's a super reader, good speller, and fine on maths, though not quite as high that's where she should

concentrate." A philosophical difficulty occurred here, as I revealed myself to be the child's mother: why should she concentrate on maths, if she was already up on the average?

"In order to fulfil her potential. A bright child should be ahead in every area," Mr Kendall said. The debate remained unresolved. In education, it appears, there will be always be parents who don't above. They are mild and delib. good relationship between pri- not taking over responsibility. recognise "champagne" or spell who care far too much; and they

will never see eve to eve. But which of them will use these tests, and the lucrative imitators which will undoubtedly follow?

"Involved parents!" say the authors enthusiastically. "Silly parents, I am afraid," said one teacher dismissively. Another thought there would be two sorts: those who thought their child brilliant and that he or she should be moved up, and those whose children are struggling and won't listen when teachers tell them so.

However, it must be recorded that on seeing the tests even this prep school teacher was gripped by an almost uncontrollable compulse to put her own daughter through them, just once, and see what age she scored. There are some urges from which almost nobody is immune. Well, can you walk past a try-your-strength

jobs can pay — which is why the 1992 Directory of Summer Jobs in Britain was published last week by Vacation Work Publications (66.95). Some summer jobs can bring in up to £220 a week. The book gives details of wages, hours and conditions and qualifications required, together with addresses of whom to contact. And it includes useful advice on how to approach a potential employer and how if none of the existing options suit, to create your own

#### Hire quality

FROM February 1, and throughout next month. One Night Stand, the designer dress-hire agency, will be selling off 200 former hire dresses, including those by designers such as Rifat Ozbek. Terence Nolder and Frank Usher for, in some cases, as little as a rental fee (which is between £60 and £120). None of the sale dresses has a huge rip or wine stain, the shop says - the sale is just a way of making room for 750 new rental dresses on the rails, together with jewellery, wraps and gloves. One Night Stand is at 44 Pimlico Road, London SW1W 8LP (071-730 8708).

VICTORIA MCKEE

Can a simple conversation really help with mortgage arrears?

### Counselling houses

s office workers scur-ried to their desks early one morning in the City last week, inside the Bradford & Bingley's imposing office in Moorgate a mortgage counselling session was in progress. It was one of more than 600 the building society would con-duct that week.

In the chair, immaculate in striped shirt and cufflinks was Colin Firth, the branch manager. To his right was a ing the Bradford & Bingley's

Opposite was Sybil Somers, a middle-aged woman in a yellow raincoat. Mrs Somers had requested the meeting to discuss the £128,250 mortgage on her semi-detached home in Hackney, bought two years ago for £135,000. The arrears on the mortgage stand at £17,000. The monthly repayment was meant to be

This was Mrs Somers's first meeting with someone from the Bradford & Bingley. Having fallen into arrears, she had had one counselling session, last February, with the Leamington Spa Building Society, which had granted her more gage before being forced to merge with the Bradford & Bingley last

Mr Firth began asking Mrs Somers about her home and her finances, easing in with straightforward ques-tions. The mortgage was in Mrs Somers's name and that of Stanley McCaulsky, and had been completed on Jamuary 16, 1990. The couple both live in the house.

Were Mrs Somers and Mr McCaulsky employed? Mr Firth asked. Mrs Somers had a take-

away business and Mr McCaulsky worked for Brit-ish Rail. "Business is very slow," Mrs Somers said. "I'm closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday." Mr Firth nodded. "And

what about your earnings? 'About £200 to £300 a week," Mrs Somers replied. And her expenses? Mrs Somers did not have a precise figure, but said later that

two years ago her earnings had been about £600. And Mr McCaulsky? "El60 to El70," Mrs Somers



Seeking help: Sybil Somers and Stanley McCaulsky outside their too-expensive property

said. "Maybe £200 a week." "Let's think in terms of what you can afford to pay. Can you indicate that?" Mr Firth asked.

"Frankly, I came here today to see if you could help me out which ever possible way you can," Mrs Somers retorted. "How much is the smallest you can allow me to pay? As you know we're in a terrible recession."

"I'm not quite sure," Mr Firth said, voice as caim as ever. "Your situation is not," then he paused, "normal." Since October, Mrs Somers has been paying £300 a week after a special arrangement with the society. "Your account has been in

arrears for some time," Mr "Yours would be, too, if you had to pay back that much a month," Mrs Somers said. "OK," Mr Firth said.

"They should have told me how much it was before we got into it," she continued. But who should have told Mrs Somers? Her mortgage was granted by the Leamington Spa Building Society. The Bradford & Bingley inherited Learnington Spa's mortgage book

Mrs Somers said she would try her best to pay the £300 a week. The sensible thing, Mr Firth explained, was for Mrs Somers to produce a breakdown of her monthly outgoings, to establish what she could pay.

"You want me to bring along the bills with me. I've got so many bills," Mrs Somers said. "Sometimes I

fancy running away."
"You've got to come back with a monthly breakdown of expenses and more precise details on your income. You should also bring Mr McCaulsky's pay slips. Until then we can't start talking about a new figure. Meanwhile, you should go on paying £300 a week."

"Thanks," Mrs Somers said. "I've got so many prob-lems. The house, the business, and I've got a granddaughter with a little baby and I'm going to have spend at least three weeks trying to help her. I think I'm going to go barmy!"

r Firth made sym-pathetic noises. Mrs Somers left. Afterwards, Mrs Somers said she had found the session helpful. "I feel a little bit more secure about the house," she said. "I feel that Mr Firth must be going to do something to help me." For his part, Mr. Firth

admitted that on their joint income, the couple should never have been given a mortgage with such steep repayments. To a large extent, Learnington Spa was the cause of the problem." Mr Firth said. The Bradford & Bingley

had done everything in its power to help, he said. The

society had a repossession order on the house, issued on September 9, 1990, but had not acted upon it.

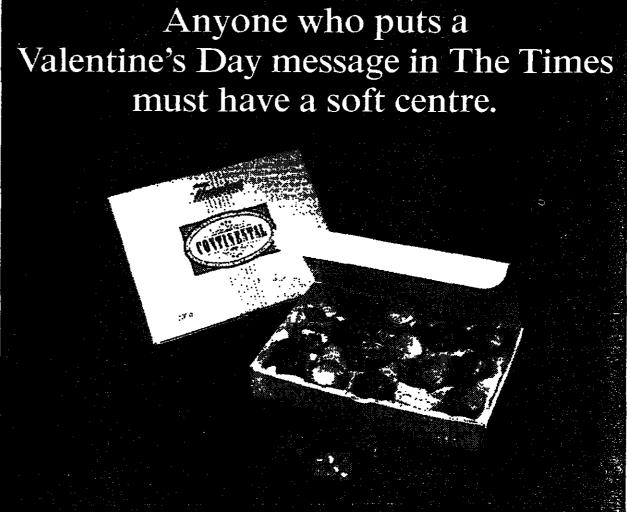
Had not counselling come too late? Mrs Somers had missed the first two pay-ments on her mortgage more than a year ago, when it was first granted.

There was a pause.
"Certainly." Another pause. "If she had come in early 1990, we might have given her the advice to sell the property, and move downmarket. That's not an option now." But in early 1990, Mr

Firth points out, the Leamington Spa was in charge, not the Bradford & Bingley. Now, the best the B & B and the couple can hope for is that they will be able to maintain payments at a level acceptable to both parties. The mortgage is over a period of 25 years, so there is

little scope to extend terms. Repossession, at the moment, is not an option. "The Bradford & Bingley is working on mortgage rescue schemes, and while people like Mrs Somers are making repayments, it is not repossessing properties, spokesman says at the head office. Mrs Somers may be eligible for a rescue scheme. whereby her house is bought by a housing association and she pays rent, but that remains to be seen.

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### Auschwitz's true origin

Germans still fail to understand the

Holocaust, says Conor Cruise O'Brien

'To try to put

he Wannsee conference, whose 50th anniversary fell this week, did not, as is often suggested, "initiate the Holocaust". The Holocaust, planned by the SS, began with the second world war itself when the SS Einsatzkommandos entered Poland and Lithuania in the wake of the German army. The objective of the Wannsee conference was to commit the whole bureaucracy of the German state to the annihilation of the Jews of Europe: a task for which the resources of the SS

We do not need David Irving and his newly discovered Eichmann documents to tell us that Hitler himself was primarily responsible for the Holocaust. Hitler's words, clearly implying that, are on the public record. In his Reichstag speech of September 1, 1939 — a matter of days before the Holocaust began - Hitler declared that "if Jewry should plot another world war, in order to exterminate the Aryan peoples, it

had proved insufficient.

would not be the Aryan peoples who minated. but

part of the Three years later, with the Holocaust at its blame for the height, Hitler gave Holocaust on another important speech, in the Sports Palace in its principal Berlin, on September 30, 1942. He victims seems reminded his audian index of ence of the language he had used resurgent antithe earlier Reichstag speech Semitism' about the extermination of the Jews. Hitler now

added: "At one time the Jews of Germany laughed about my prophecies. I don't know whether they are still laughing or have already lost all desire to laugh." There can be no doubt, in the context, that Hitler was here gloating over the victims of the Holocaust, and that he expected his audience to gloat with him.

A book with a remarkable title was published in Britain last year by Hamish Hamilton. Those Were the Days: The Holocaust Through the Eyes of the Perpetrators and Bystanders was written by Ernest Klee, Willi Dressen and Volker Reiss. "Those were the days" is a free translation of the origina German title, Schoene Zeiten. That phrase is taken from the heading of a page in the commemorative album of Kurt Franz, the last commandant of the extermination camp at Treblinka.

The preface to the German edition states: "The confidential, and indeed sometimes private. nature of the material shows with stark clarity how firmly the National Socialist Weltanschauung was rooted in the German popular consciousness, part of the thinking of the time, and regarded as quite natural by all sections of the population.

Schoene Zeiten was published in Germany in 1988. I wonder whether such a work would be likely to find a German publisher in 1992? A survey commissioned by Der Spiegel in connection with the Wannsee anniversary suggests it would not. According to a summary of the findings of the

survey: "Two-thirds of Germans want to have less discussion about the persecution of the Jews and to draw a line under the past, while 32 per cent think that the Jews are themselves partly to blame for being 'hated and persecuted'."

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That most Germans should want to have "less discussion" about these matters is quite natural. Most Germans were not born when those things were done, and it is annoying to be invited. directly or indirectly, to feel guilty about things which happened before you were born. Most Christians have always had difficulty in adjusting to the doctrine of Original Sin. On the other hand it is surely rather disturbing to find that nearly one third of today's Germans think that "the Jews themselves are partly responsible for being hated

and persecuted". Even the formula "hated and persecuted" is disturbing, in the context of the Wannsee conference. That meeting of Nazi officials was not about persecuting

> annihilating them. Hatred and persecution of the Jews were nothing new in Europe. But the Holocaust and the reduction of mass murder to bureaucratic routine did represent something new, was a specifically German one. To try to put part of the blame for the Holocaust on to the shoulders of its principal victims

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In October 1989 I wrote an article in The Times to the effect that the united Germany of the future would not be just the old West Germany, as some appeared to assume. It would be less deferential to the West, less inclined to apologise for the Holo-caust, more inclined to throw its weight about. That article contained a certain amount of hyperbole, as I later acknowledged. But events since then have demonstrated that, even under the same chancellor, united Germany is indeed a different kind of entity from its Western predecessor.

Frederick the Great in Berlin was a significant symbolic reassertion of German national pride. The victory for German foreign policy concerning Croatia and Slovenia conveyed a similar message, in terms of practical European politics. And Der Spiegel's survey commemorating the Wannsee conference tends to confirm the terror of those messages, in relation to the Holocaust.

It has been argued for years that the way for Germany's neighbours to cope with any disturbing tendencies that may be discernible in the comportment of a new united Germany is to hurry on with European political unity. But President Mitterrand, having felt the weight of a united Germany over Croatia and Slovenia, is beginning to wonder how it might feel to be part of a politically united Europe, with united Germany at its core. John Major is on the right course here.

#### Marcus Binney on the dilemma behind today's English Heritage report on listed buildings

Thanks to the ivy that cloaks it, you can hardly tell that Jeremy's Cottage near Ashton-under-Lyne is a remarkably unaltered late 17th-century stone house. One end is propped up with timber shoring; inside most of the ceilings have collapsed. But it stands in a secluded position. commanding beautiful views, and would make someone an idyllic small house. Yet recently the owners, Lord Deramore's estate, applied for consent to demolish and rebuild. This was refused after a structural engineer told the council planners that the building was capable of repair and refurbishment. Jeremy's Cottage is one of 37,000 listed buildings which according to English Heritage's

report published today are at risk.
The figure is an estimate based on a survey by selected local planning authorities of nearly 10 per cent (43,000) of the total of listed structures in England. The at-risk category includes not only buildings which are vacant, but some which are partially or fully occupied or in use, but in decayed condition.

Effective action depends on the judicious balance between the carrot and the stick. Successive

### Love amid the ruins

narily dilatory in setting an example even on the most glaring-ly neglected Grade I buildings. I can think of only two instances when a minister has served a repairs notice: Barlaston Hall, a handsome mid-18th century Palladian villa in Staffordshire, and Revesby Abbey in Lincolnshire, a delightfully ornate example of early Victorian Gothic. In both cases the owners agreed to sell soon after. If central and local government had begun to use their powers to take action on neglected listed buildings a decade ago, the difficulties would now be far more manageable.

Fortunately, an increasing number of local authority planning offices, backed up by practically minded councillors, regularly decide to serve repairs notices, with the ultimate sanction of compul-sory purchase. They almost always do this in the knowledge that there is someone willing to acquire and restore the building, so the cost will not fall on local taxpayers. Usually the mere threat of a repairs notice prompts an owner either to put a building on the market or to repair it himself.

As well as using the stick of existing powers more frequently. should the carrot be larger? The question which underlies the English Heritage report is whether grant aid should be available to all listed buildings at risk, rather than being restricted as at present to outstanding buildings (Grades I and II-star) and buildings in conservation areas. One of the report's most significant observations is that it is the much larger number of Grade II buildings outside conservation areas, and therefore outside the scope of grant aid, which are most likely to be at risk. Very often these are the buildings with most potential for restoration and re-use.

Just how many of these build-ings there are has become apparent since Michael Heseltine launched a re-survey of listed buildings in 1981. The original survey, begun in 1946, was hurried and omitted many worthy

buildings in rural areas. The resurvey has added many farm houses and cottages, often 17th or 18th century, to the Grade II lists, together with numerous barns.

Agricultural buildings raise not only the question of money for repairs but of use. English Heritage is concerned that many barns converted to houses have been hideously botched and has decided that industrial and agricultural uses should be given priority and permission for residential use granted only as a last resort. While English Heritage is eight to insist that only sympathetic, well thought out house conversion schemes should be approved, this should not be a last resort. More and more barns are falling into a state of collapse before planning permission is finally given even for good schemes. Such a perfectionapproach will mean fewer

barns being saved. If money is to be directed towards Grade II buildings at risk, English Heritage asks whether it

local authorities which are already taking action over problem listed buildings. In doing this some of the buildings most at risk elsewhere might remain neglected. but experience shows that effective action depends increasingly on the country's valiant band of local authority conservation officers and their colleagues, and effective follow-up at loca' level is vital if buildings are not to fall into

decay again.

As Sir Christopher Wren coun-selled the Dean of St George's. Windsor, 300 years ago. "Drips come sodeynly and doe great mischief Clogged gutters, blocked down-pipes, slipped tiles or slates, which could be cleared or fixed by a local builder with a ladder for £50 or less, are left unattended and regularly cause outbreaks of dry and wet rot costing thousands to put right.

Given a grant of perhaps no more than £20,000 Jeremy's Cottage could be restored within months, smoke puffing out of the chimneys with a family happily installed. And the likelihood is that the present owners would be spurred to do the work themselves. If English Heritage is given the power to help buildings like this

### May the better half win

**Peter Stothard in Washington charts** 

the rising power of the candidate's wife

Thenever George Bush gets desperate in a speech these days, he wife. Even in the unfriendliest fields of New Hampshire, when the jobless jeer and the president's appeals to the memory of Desert Storm fall like the feeblest Scud, Mr Bush has only to invoke the name of Barbara to feel that he is winning again.

Before last week it would have been hard to imagine any of today's politicians needing (and getting) more support from their partners than does Mr Bush. But now Mrs Bush has a rival - the wife of the president's most likely

Hillary Rodham Clinton is fighting for her husband, Bill. against a swarm of sexual rumours flying out from the deep south. The latest tales of his beauty-queen mistresses, cabaret singers and over-devoted aides are not new, not proven and probably only tangentially connected to the truth. But unless they are stalled While some Clinton supporters have become dumbstruck, mere spectators of a new Gary Hart morality play, the candidate's wife has begun to fight like a first lady. First, she mocks the supermar-

ket magazine that is pursuing them. Second, she describes her marriage with a cool passion reminiscent of Mary Archer. Then she sits back and defies her critics to demand more. This is a job which only she can do. Without her efforts the would-be President Clinton would be as dead as the ducks that decorate his governor's office wall.

The skills which Hillary Rodham is deploying are less instinctive than Barbara Bush's, more studiedly professional, but no less potent. The couple met in the 1970s at Yale. It was she who was then considered the brilliant talent. Fellow students still wryly recall the first words she heard

Since then she chetypal 1980s superwoman. Her record of director-America's most aggressive and innovative retailer; her name is among the country's top hundred lawyers; she is credited knowing more about American education than almost anvone else in public life. She remains a fierce feminist who only reluctantly took her husband's name after her fail-

ure to do so was judged to have contributed to his one 1980. Her writings are spattered with descriptions of the "male-created and dominated workforce". She has now,

1990s who not only stands by her

from her husband-to-be across a crowded room: "Did you know that Arkansas grows the biggest watermelons in the world?

ships includes

however, come to symbolise the new political wife of the

man at New Hampshire street corners but fights for him using every boardroom skill. Barbara Bush may be the last of her breed. Of the six Democrats who began the 1992 race, three are divorced and three have lawyer spouses. Vice-President Quayle's wife,

Marilyn, is in the same mould. The Quayles, too, form a couple whose skills are shared, and seen to be shared. As with the Clintons, if commentators had to choose a superior, the female side would often get the vote. American



presidential elections, which once did not even demand that the candidate campaign for votes, now require full family participa-tion. Even 11-year-old Chelsea Clinton was on show this weekend.

At a breakfast with reporters last ear, the Clintons carefully admitted to "ups and downs" in their : marriage. The strategy was pre-emptive. He would be as frank as he felt he had to be, while she would take the position of "if his answer is good enough for me, it ought to be good enough for you". That is still the strategy, but it now

requires Mrs Clinton to take a more prominent role. Although there is always the danger of appearing too dominant (Mrs Quayle once had to be discouraged from accompanying her husband to a nuclear weapons site lest critics doubted whose finger was on the trigger) that is a problem for tomorrow, not today. A standard reference book on the American presidency keeps a special space for extra-marital affairs. The section sits between

marriage itself, an institution

which all occupants of the White

House bar one have elected to join. and military service. With varying degrees of certainty it records the loves of Thomas Jefferson for a slavegirl, Warren Harding for a friend's wife, Franklin Roosevell for his wife's secretary. Dwight Eisenhower for his female driver and John F. Kennedy for names too numerous to mention. Secrety helped some of those with the "extra-marital" entry stay in power. Just as Mrs Woodrow Wilson could quietly run the government

for her incapacitated husband with a freedom that Mrs Ouayle could not, so too the ability to hide one's sexual life was easier until recent vears. But the new re

guirements for openness ought dangerous product supermarket shelf or a sudden twist in a lawsuit. The Clinthemselves how Andrew Jackson. who had married a woman while she was still married to someone else, deflated the aristocratic Bushes of his

day by "corrupt bargain" charges and a parade of his humble origins; or how would-be president Grover Cleveland, burdened with an illegitimate son, took on his 1884 opponents with some vigorous metoric including the song "Blaine! Blaine! James G. Blaine! Continental liar from the state of Maine!" Cleveland told his staff to be frank about his paternity and won a chant of his own: "Ma, Ma, Where's my Pa? Gone to the White House, Ha, Ha, Ha."

The Clintons, too, may still make it to the White House — and have the last laugh.



#### ...and moreover Alan Coren

f, like me, you were one of the 12 million watching A . Time To Dance last Sunday. you are probably still a bit bothered about it this Wednesday. For, towards the climax, or one of them, of Melvyn Bragg's rollicking chronicle of fell swoops, you saw something.

It wasn't very much, and it wasn't there for very long, and any of you who sneezed, or even perhaps laughed, may not have seen it at all, but for those of us who take our membership of the Lord's Night Observation Society seriously, it was of a significance out of all proportion to its ostensibility. And I choose that last word with more than usual care, for these are delicate matters, so delicate indeed that non-Latinists will have, I'm afraid, to ask close and trusted friends to fill them in on the precise etymology of my choice.

As to the observed item itself, let that same delicacy refer us to the dainty lexicon of the antiques trade and simply call it the property of a gentleman; appropriate enough in this case, since the gentleman himself is not only knocking on a bit, he is also what Sotheby's catalogue would describe as of heightened colour and somewhat

He is Mr Ronald Pickup. playing a 54-year-old bank manager, and the story so far is that he has become, one is tempted to say willy-nilly, passionately enmeshed with Miss Dervia Kirwan, playing an 18-year-old set of attributes likely to bring hurly-burly to the deep peace of the Sabbath night, and John Selwyn Gummer hardly back from Evensong. Probably still unzipping his anorak. For they are tricky things.

anorak-fastenings; many of us who sport them have learnt, when contemplating a hike, to set aside a fair proportion of the day for getting in and out of our rainwear, and it is thus but one of the myriad remarkable features of A Time to Dance that Pickup and Kirwan are able to divest themselves so rapidly not only of these complex items but also of the stout boots, thick socks, heavy sweaters, longsleeved shirts, thermal underwear, scarves, mittens, woolly hats, and all the rest of the cumbrous paraphernalia required for going up Magnus Pyke, or whatever it's called.

smiths, so that, with an alacrity evoking the great days of Mack Sennett, they are quickly in a position to hurl themselves upon one another and begin running up Mary Whitehouse's

Which activity, as you know, presupposes a certain state of readiness on Ronald's part, if there are not to be tears after bedtime. Hardly a problem, you would think, given that Dervla is the best thing to have happened to him in a month of Sundays, a fortnight's anyway, and that, from the internal evidence, a good time appears to be being But let us look at the external

They can do this, of course, because love laughs at lockevidence. We could not, as i mentioned at the outset, look at it long, but it was long enough to register that Ronald was in no shape to do what the script. never mind his eager paramour. required of him. "Hallo," I said. "Is there anything to which

you would wish to draw my attention?" said my wife. To the curious incident of the dog in the night-time," I replied. "The dog did nothing in the night-time," she said.

That was the curious incident," I remarked. The exchange did not go quite like that, of course, it was somewhat shorter, but what my wife and I say to one another in the privacy of our own hilarity is

nobody's business but ours. Now, ever since the curious incident, I have been thinking about it, long and hard; and it has become curiouser and curiouser. What was this scene for? For verisimilitude: the play concerns the irrepressibility of passion, and we must, apparently, see them at it. But if what we see is them apparently at it, ie not at it all, whence the verisimilitude? They might as well have shut the bedroom door on us, offered a few convincing

grunts, and left it at that. I am afraid that, like Ron and Dervia, I have come to no firm conclusion in this affair. All I know is what Ecclesiastes tells me, just after it has told me that there is a time to dance; which is that there is a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from

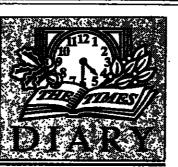
#### A thriller from Manila

THE NEW Lord Moynihan is a Filipino boy who celebrated his first birthday ten days ago. After weighing the evidence and considering rival claims, the trustees of the late lord's estate have made a written submission to the House of Lords endorsing Daniel, the son of Jinna, Moynihan's fifth wife and a former hotel receptionist, as the

new holder of the hereditary title. The submission was made after the family finally obtained from the British consul in Manila documentary evidence missing since the playboy peer died in November. The verification of Daniel's claim removes the prospect of Colin Moynihan, the junior en-ergy minister and the late peer's half-brother, inheriting the title. Moynihan says he would have renounced the peerage in order to

continue his Commons career. In his time the late Lord Moynihan ran a nightciub in Spain, went on a belly-dancing tour of Asia with one of his former wives and ended up managing a massage parlour in Manila. His memorial stone declares: "In loving memory, wife Jinna, son Daniel and daughters." But a question mark hung over whether the relationship had been legitimised

by marriage. The Diary now has a copy of the certificate, which shows that the wedding took place on December 2. 1990, in Manila with the Rev Mario J. Dauz officiating. The birth certificate says that Daniel was born on January 12, 1991, at Manila Medical Centre. It gives the father as the Lord Moynihan of Leeds ("Occupation: peer of the realm") and the mother as Jinna. the Lady Moynihan. A further doubt arose over a rival claim made by Moynihan's penultimate ation difficulties.



wife, Editha, who runs the Flamingo massage parlour in Ma-nila. She says that her son Andrew is Moynihan's heir. But Charles Vance, estate trustee, says: "Tony was not the father. He had himself genetically tested and the results are in a Harley Street clinic. They are conclusive proof if anyone pro-duces a child."

Daniel and his mother are due to arrive in Britain soon and will be looked after by the family of Lord Moynihan's eldest sister, Imogen. The boy will go to prep school and boarding school here." says Vance. "After all, he is a peer of the realm.

◆ Labour's general election strategy has been thrown into disarray in more ways than one this week. Larry Whitty, the party general secretary who heads its "election task force", has been called up for jury service. With visions of the key backroom man sitting on a long fraud trial, politicians and officials were put on stand-by to switch election planning meetings to out-of-court hours. So far it has not proved necessary. On Monday and Tuesday mornings court officials sent a grateful Whitty back to his Walworth Road desk. On the other hand, a grisly murder case might have come as a welcome relief from Labour's tax-

#### Rabbie's lassies

WEE, sleekit, cow'rin', tim'rous beasties - and that is just the men. barred tonight from what is thought to be Scotland's first women-only Burns night supper. Or, as the feminists prefer it, Jean Armour night supper, in honour of the poer's long-suffering wife. The organisers of the charity supper at Glasgow's Kelvingrove Galleries say Burns night celebra-

tions are too male-dominated.



"We are going to make it more sophisticated. We will appeal to women who are seldom invited to the traditional Burns supper,"

says Carol Moir. . A few token men in kilts will be present to serve the haggis, but another Burns tradition is being challenged: the women will spurn the usual whisky in favour of champagne. Whether "freedom and bubbly gang thegither" re-

• The master of the Queen's Music, Malcolm Williamson. may think the work of Andrew Lloyd Webber not good enough to grace the Queen's 40th anniversary pageant. But the composer of cloying musicals has the seal of approval from a far greater au-

thority. When Dmitri Shostakorich visited London in November 1972 for the British première of his 15th symphony, he was taken to see the newly opened Jesus Christ Superstar. He enjoyed himself so much that he went back the next available night to see it again. What Lloyd Webber made of Shostakovich's most cryptic symphony is not recorded.

#### Shaw thing

MICHAEL HOLROYD just cannot work George Bernard Shaw out of his system. After more than 15 years work on his three-volume biography, Holroyd is planning no fewer than three further titles

on the dramatist.
"I did say that the last volume would be the final one, but I don't seem to be able to give up," he says. There was always intended to be a volume of notes and appendices, due to appear in November. But before that The Last Laugh will be published in May. "It started as an epilogue, says Alison Samuel, Holroyd's editor at Chatto, "but grew and grew." Holroyd describes it as a "160-page novella dealing with posthumous questions about Shaw and his fi-

nances." -Holroyd's addiction will be further fuelled by an exhibition in April at the National Portrait Gallery to salute both the biographer and his subject. Finally - or not, as the case may be - there will be a single volume condensed biography, probably next year. "Absolutely the last thing I write on GBS." Holroyd promises.

· At a conference today at the Lanesborough Hotel the Merseyside Development Corporation will announce plans to make Merseyside "the gateway to Europe". But why come to the quiet backwater of London to do it?

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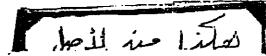
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#### PRICE OF JUSTICE

The Lord Chancellor is rightly determined to bring under control the runaway cost of legal aid in Britain. But he must be careful not to do so in a way that lowers standards of justice. Legal aid is currently at a gross annual level of some £1 billion a year and rising fast. About one third goes on criminal legal aid, the rest on civil cases, and virtually the whole ends up in lawyers' pockets. Lord Mackay of Clashfern may regard it as a sign that he is making progress, therefore, that his negotiations on pay with representatives of the legal profession have reached the pain threshold. Offers have been made, rejected, improved, rejected again, against a back-ground of strikes and rumours of strikes. Yesterday solicitors in Devon and Cornwall announced that they were withdrawing from their 24-hour duty-solicitor scheme to give legal aid to those newly arrested. Solicitors elsewhere may follow their lead.

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But they are as wrong to withdraw their professional services from those taken into police custody as surgeons would be to strike against their patients, an analogy that the Law Society has already used in trying to talk them out of their protest. These West Country solicitors are not helping their clients and are weakening a good case for a more "professional" level of remuneration. This is that the quantity of legal aid is a determining factor in the quality of justice. The provisions of the 1984 Police and Criminal Evidence Act concerning access to legal advice after arrest presuppose that solicitors will be available. And many of the more notorious pre-PACE miscarriages of justice of recent years - the Guildford Four, the Birmingham Six, Winston Silcott and others from Broadwater Farm - would not have occurred had solicitors representing the accused been present from the beginning of

police interrogation. Yet solicitors cannot be compelled to do legal aid work, only induced by the offer of a fair fee. Their common complaint is that criminal legal aid used to be cross-subsidised in each legal practice by the profits from conveyancing. The property market has gone sluggish, so criminal legal aid needs to be more "realistic". There is more to the justice.

"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to

be," exhorted Robert Browning's Rabbi ben Ezra. Thus should we think of the old. In-

stead, most people appear simultaneously to fear and to despise old age, sharing Shake-

speare's vision of the seventh age of man as

"second childishness, and mere oblivion:

Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans

everything." According to a survey published

by Age Concern England yesterday, three

out of tour people are concerned about

growing old. Most worry about poor health,

enforced dependence on others, and money.

time (or he may simply have been reflecting the prejudices of a callow 35-year-old). These

days, thanks to improvements in public

health and hygiene, old age is more fun.

More people reach it, and about two thirds

of the population over 60 is still fit, well and

living at home. According to yesterday's find-

ings, such people do not think of themselves

as old. Young adults reckoned that old age

begins at 63, but only a third of those aged

between 65 and 74 felt that they had reached

So why does old age get such a bad press? Even the word "old" is frowned upon by

some Americans: "ageful" has now joined "follically challenged" (i.e., bald) in the hideous lexicon of political correctness. To be

old is forbidden. The Japanese have a more

elegant turn of phrase. Old age used to be

known as the "silver age". Now jitsunen, meaning the "age of fruition", is replacing it.

powerful politically, and improve their public

perception, if they organised themselves bener. The two best-known charities, Age

Concern and Help the Aged, in their names

alone present an image of the old as victims.

Where are the sleek and aggressive Grey

Panthers of Britain? In the genteelly named

Association of Retired Persons? Wrinklies on

The old in this country would be more

it, and only 61 per cent of those over 75.

Shakespeare might have been right in his

current negotiation, however, than merely whether this years' annual fees increase should be I per cent, as Lord Mackay offered in December, or 3 per cent, as he offered last week. Since solicitors leaders had been privately expecting not much beyond 4 per cent, these negotiations may be close to settlement.

But Lord Mackay intends to make a more radical and risky change in the way criminal legal aid is assessed and paid. Instead of what now amounts to an hourly rate for the job, solicitors would earn a set fee reflecting the seriousness and likely complexity of the case. As well as improving the management of the legal aid budget, this would, he argues, speed up the payment of fees, where delays (caused by the complications of fee calculation under the present method) are a constant source of grievance among lawyers.

Lord Mackay has accepted the objection that not all cases are alike, and agreed to a two-tier scale of payment so that really difficult cases are better paid. But he is far from agreeing with the profession what such work is really worth. He is also treating his changes as narrowly administrative, without regard for the effect relatively poor remuneration for legal aid work is having on the overall number and quality of solicitors prepared to undertake it. Not all miscarriages of justice can be blamed on the police or judges. Some are undoubtedly the fault of a careless or incompetent defence. But good lawyers will only be attracted to legal aid work by decent fees. It is this concern for the quality of legal aid - mocked by the impatient action of the Devon and Cornwall solicitors which is the profession's strongest point.

Before he implements his new method of paying criminal legal aid, therefore, Lord Mackay would do well to seek an opinion from the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice. The commission has already agreed to accept evidence on these points from the Law Society. For the government to wait for the commission's response - if necessary requesting an early interim report - would be both diplomatic and wise. This is one delay which would surely be in the interests of

the Warpath would give the rest of the

Old people should fight their own corner,

not rest content to be fought over. Com-

panies should not be allowed to discriminate

against the old by citing upper age limits in

recruitment advertisements. A flexible "de-

cade of retirement" would allow those who

wanted to retire early to do so, while those

still happy in their job would not be forced to

for the older generations? Why are they not

If today's old people are reticent, tomor-

row's will not be able to afford such passivity.

In the first third of the next century, those

born in the baby boom of 1946-68 will be

retiring, expecting to be partly supported by

the many fewer in the baby-bust generation

of the 1970s and 1980s. The latter may

question the post-war social consensus that

has allowed the state to take money from

taxpayers and give it to the old. Already in

America, a body uncomfortably named

Americans for Generational Equity is claim-

ing that the old receive too great a share of

public spending.

The answer is that those of working age

will have to pay more, or pensioners will

receive less, or - the only way to change the

equation — the old will have to work for

longer. Since people in their sixties are now

far healthier than they used to be, rigid

retirement ages of 60 and 65 are anachronis-

tic. The young old should be able to

withdraw later, and more gradually, from

the labour market, perhaps with a few years

of part-time work before they stop altogether.

But if they want to win the rights and

flexibility that, for instance, working mothers

are starting to enjoy, they must fight for

them. It is time somebody followed the

example of the Germans and started a Grey

ve. But where are the eloquent spokesmen

population more of a jolt.

marching on Westminster?

If this latest resettlement plan goes ahead, simply because it may boost the tourist trade, it will be a great injustice to the people of the west bank of the Nile and a sad loss for the rest of the world.

Yours faithfully, ROY LEE-FAULKNER. GEOFF PEAKE, 113 Mottram Old Road,

#### Price of CDs

Sir, David Wyld (letter, January 11), while correct in asserting that there are fixed costs associated with the production of recordings, fails to point out that these are common charges applied regardless of the

no longer the case. Logic would suggest that a CD should cost no current 50 per cent premium.

about phasing out unpopular vinyl records then perhaps they should reduce the price of CDs to more accurately reflect the production costs, thus reaping the benefit of increased demand. The issue of vinyl records for those requiring them could then be contracted out to specialists who could charge an appropriate premium reflecting their limited demand.

Yours faithfully, January 12.

Sir, I saw a sign on a car yesterday which said: "If you can read this — thank a teacher." My mother, who completed her education when she was 14, taught me to read before I

Now large sums are to be spent on teaching children to read who have so far failed to do so, despite several years' schooling (report, January 9). Should we thank the teachers for that, also?

Yours faithfully, B. A. FERNER, 17 Market Street, Adlington,

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Blot on Luxor landscape

From Mr Roy Lee-Faulkner and Mr Geoff Peake

Sir, We have recently returned from a short visit to Luxor, where new roads have been laid across the west bank of the Nile. These link the ancient sites of the valleys of the kings and queens, the tombs of the nobles and workers and all the various temples and monuments.

Not only are these roads unsightly, since the black surfacing is in stark contrast to the soft browns of the sandstone, but they are also physically intrusive as they are built on raised causeways, in some places perhaps eight feet high, and eff-ectively cut villages in half.

No concessions have been made, in difficult terrain, to the needs of the inhabitants, either for gaining access to the roads on foot or with their own

carts and vans, or for crossing them.
We learned that the roads had been built specifically for a visit by President Mubarak, who has now decided that the area should be made more "attractive" for tourists. This is to be achieved by forcing the local people to move out of their tra-ditional homes, built into the hills above the tombs of the nobles. Previous attempts to move them have

The very fact that people are still living and working in this area as they did 3,000 years ago brings the added dimension of continuity to a fascinating region. It also firmly places the settlement and development of the Nile valley in a human context.

Currently the Egyptians are implementing what to our eyes are unsympathetic "rebuilding" pro-grammes, instead of concentrating on preserving what remains of their ancient monuments. Already the traditional Nile sailing boats, the feluccas, are under threat from motor boats, cruise ships and heavy mooring fees.

Stalybridge, Cheshire. January 17.

#### From Dr Paul Yarrow

format of the recording.

The initial high price of compact discs was justified by the paucity of production facilities, with production costs of £1 per disc; this is clearly greater than £1 more than the price of its vinyl equivalent, rather than the

If record companies are serious

PAUL YARRÓW, 13 Regent Street, Paisley, Strathclyde.

#### Learning to read

From Mrs B. A. Ferner

went to school. In turn I taught my own children.

Chorley, Lancashire. January 16.

### Lloyd's relationship with members From Mr I. H. F. Findlay external names and also ind

Sir. The opening sentences of your leader (January 16) entitled "Limit-ing Lloyd's losses" assert that, prior to the passing of the Lloyd's Act 1982, Lloyd's initial reaction to scandals was "to roll into a ball like a hedgehog" hoping the attacks would go away, and that it "eventually acceded to the tougher regulations...imposed upon it by the Lloyd's Act".

The facts are that as early as 1978. the committee of Lloyd's was concerned about, amongst other mat-ters, two major problems — first, the archaic and cumbersome disciplinary procedures laid down by the then current Lloyd's Act of 1911. and second, Lloyd's relationship with a membership which had changed over the previous few years, both in number and by the inclusion of many external and overseas members, and this demanded revision.

Accordingly, towards the end of that year, I, as chairman of Lloyd's at that time, invited Sir Henry Fisher to chair a working party to enquire into and report upon self-regulation at Lloyd's (including the above matters) — the widest possible brief. The working party, after prodigious efforts, submitted its report to the committee in 1980, when it was immediately welcomed and ac-

The report contained, amongst many other recommendations, proposals for a greatly simplified and practical disciplinary process (much used since and with greater effect, some may think, even than the courts), and the formation of a council which would include elected

Sir, Baroness Hooper (letter, January 13) is correct that the new contract for dentists is a step forward

in looking after people's mouths and

that many patients appreciate the

fact. However, she misses the prob-

lems that Mr Nayler (report, January

8) and other of his colleagues are

The capitation scheme for children

awards the same fees across the

country for each age group irrespec-

tive of the amount of decay. It is very difficult in a "high decay" area to

provide treatment for fees calculated for the average number of cavities

per child for the whole country, including the many "low decay"

Moreover, dentists are paid the

same fees across the country for their

adult patients, but practice over-

heads vary, depending on the area.

It can therefore make economic

finding in NHS dental practice.

external names and also independent nominated members. The Fisher report also included the

draft for a new Lloyd's Bill to give effect to the new proposals. The committee, after obtaining the approval of the membership, immedlately devoted its energies to help in getting the new proposed Act on to the statute book.

To say, Sir, that Lloyd's had taken virtually no action in the face of growing problems — and in the period before the passing of the Act the existing cumbersome disci-plinary procedure was in fact used and that it had to "accede" to the demands made upon it by an Act for the provisions of which the com-mittee had worked so hard is the exact opposite of the facts.

Finally, Sir, it is worth making the point that although no doubt the governance of Lloyd's is, and has been, no more perfect than others in our human society, the initiative for change has, over its 300 years of history, with the exception of the Neill enquiry (1987), invariably come from within the Lloyd's community.

Lloyd's has, over recent years, endured at least its fair share of critical comment. As circumstances change, and Lloyd's grapples with new problems, may it not at least be acknowledged that the hedgehog analogy bristles with contradictions? Yours faithfully.

IAN FINDLAY, Lloyd's of London, 1 Lime Street, EC3. January 20.

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#### sense to withdraw from the NHS Dental care into private insurance and fees. From Mr Robert Webster

Yours faithfully, ROBERT WEBSTER, Bay Tree Dental Group, 28 Arlington Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

#### From Mr John Copeland

Sir, During a holiday at Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, last July I developed severe toothache. The three dental surgeries I contacted told me that no appointment could be made, even for an emergency, as I was not a registered patient.

I complained later to the Essex family health authority, one of whose area managers replied that my experience "has highlighted a possible flaw in the new dental contract" but that the authority "does not have the power to make any changes". Yours faithfully.

JOHN COPELAND. i The Hall Yard. Burton-by-Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

1717 and 1726.

#### Bells appeal

From Mr Robert A. Lewis

Sir, Your Diary (December 24) rightly drew attention to the regrettable proliferation of tape-recorded "church bells". It is a particular travesty that the example cited, St Bride's, Fleet Street, should play host to such a recording; for St Bride's is undoubtedly the most historic church in the development of the English art of change ringing.

The original 12 bells destroyed by fire in 1941 witnessed many important first peals in the (now) standard bell-ringing methods. During the early eighteenth century change ringing on higher numbers of bells was pioneered there by Benjamin Annable and other famous London ringers of the period.

The first peals of Grandsire Caters. Grandsire Cinques, Plain Bob Major, Plain Bob Royal and Plain Bob Maximus were all achieved in the unique aspect of its heritage.

tower at St Bride's between the years

It is a great shame that St Bride's.

which prides itself in other areas of

musical activity, has neglected this

Much was made in the media of the "bells of St Bride's" pealing out upon the release of hostages John McCarthy and Terry Waite. Most people who actually heard this sound emanating from St Bride's steeple recognised it for what it was — an unsatisfactory imitation, unworthy

I am certain that the newspaper industry, the City and the nation's bell ringers would give generously to an appeal for a genuine ring of bells as a more enduring celebration.

of those joyous occasions.

Yours sincerely. R. A. LEWIS (Bell restoration officer, The London County Association of Church Bell Ringers),

45 St Charles Square, W10.

#### Yugoslavia's collapse From Mr Marko Gasic

Sir, Your front-page headline, "Serbian anger greets death of Yugoslavia" (January 16), is misleading. First because, in the words of Mr Twain, reports of Yugoslavia's death have been greatly exaggerated.

Under international law, a country exists for as long as does the nucleus which formed her, irrespective of the situation in other parts of that country. In the case of Yugoslavia, her nucleus — Serbia and Monte-negro — still exists, legally and viably. So, therefore, does the state of

Secondly, despite your natural eurocentricity, you should remember that the United Nations, not the EC, is the ultimate arbiter of statehood. And neither the UN, the US, Russia. India, China or Japan has yet

Yugoslavia.

recognised Croat or Slovene independence. Primarily, this is because of the dangerous precedent set by their unilateral, self-declared secession from a state they willingly

In Croatia's case, her action has been exacerbated by her insistence on retaining reluctant regions of Yugoslavia, for example Krajina, over which the communists gave her administrative control (within Yugoslavia, not without).

Not surprisingly, the UN has grave reservations about recognising this form of secession. We, too, should have grave reservations about the terms on which we rubber-stamp the German-induced premature birth of Croatia and Slovenia. Yours faithfully.

MARKO GASIC, 53 Melrose Gardens, W6. January 18.

the Education Acts, including the national curriculum.

#### The only qualification to this rightshould be that they make provision for both sexes (no doubt separately). since an unhealthy imbalance would be created within county schools if only girls were to be separately

educated. I see this as an inevitable

development so long as aided schools

exist at all. But better still, we could decide to celebrate 50 years of the 1944 Act by abandoning altogether the halfhearted attempt to link education with religion. It would be better for the educational system. It would also be better for the churches, not just in the long run, but now.

Yours faithfully, F. H. PEDLEY, Hill Top, Oldfield, Keighley, West Yorkshire.

#### Computer records in poll tax courts

From Mr Aian Murdie Sir, Doubts concerning the admissibility of computer records at "poll tax" hearings are not new (reports, January 16 and 17). The difference is that magistrates' courts are now apparently beginning to listen.

Such doubts with regard to civil evidence before justices have been expressed by local government practitioners for many months, the problem being mentioned in the 1991 edition of Stones' Justices' Manual (to which every magistrates' court has access), in The Law Society's Gazette last March and by the editor of Rating and Valuation Reporter for the same month.

I pointed out the same to over 200 local government officers at the annual conference of the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation last October. A copy of this group's notes detailing the problem is in the library of the House of Commons, and the point has been raised in over 100 different magistrates' courts since August 1990, though with little success until recently. This is not surprising, given the problems with liability order hearings.

Lay justices have little training in the civil law. The great majority of alleged debtors come from the poorest and most vulnerable sectors of the community and are among the least able to argue complex points of hearsay evidence.

Few defendants have representation, there is no legal aid and the duty solicitor scheme does not apply. The lack of appeals so far arises from the fact that most justices' clerks routinely block applications for appeal to the High Court

Given the number of times local authorities blame computers for their errors in different departments, these objections to computer-generated evidence are perhaps rightly perceived as no mere technicality. Only now does it appear that the Department of the Environment and magistrates' courts are giving this problem the serious consideration it

Yours faithfully, ALAN MURDIE (Chairman), Poll Tax Legal Group. PO Box 1335, London N4 2EG.

#### Elections in Kenya

From the High Commissioner for

Sir, It is difficult to see what Mr Peter Hain (letter, January 14) requires from the Kenyan government in this short period of change from singleparty to multi-party elections. There is already a standing electoral comminee presided over by a high court judge, and maners such as voter registration and access to broadcasting time are under consideration as part of the new, revolutionary, political process.

Mr Hain tells us that elections should not be held before April/May. Perhaps we should be allowed, after 28 years of independence, peace and stability, to make up our own minds on such issues. Mr Hain's views on the timing of elections would be bener directed at Mr Major who, like President Moi, has the final prerogative on such issues.

Yours etc.. SALLY J. KOSGEI, Kenya High Commission, 45 Portland Place, W1. January 17.

#### Eternal optimist

From Mr Roddy Gye

Sir, I am regularly polled by the compilers of business confidence surveys. I have just filled in yet another, the results of which will nodoubt appear in The Times in due שמושפ.

To all the questions testing my view of the coming months I have forecast an immediate and dramatic unturn. Whether this reflects my genuine view at the moment is immaterial. I am confident, however, that if enough business people do as I do it will prove to be a selffulfilling prophesy.

Who can blame the Chancellor for trying to do the same thing? Yours faithfully, RODDY GYE (Managing Director), GHA Group (Corporate television production), 9 Dean Street, W1. January 17.

#### Door-to-door enquiries From Mr Bob Nibbs

Sir, As a former serving milkman in the Stoke-on-Trent area, I was intrigued to note your report (Modern Times, January 20) about milkmen going on patrol on behalf of the Staffordshire police.

Assuming this arrangement to be reciprocal, I would be pleased to see something similar in my area of the Metropolitan police, when I mightsuggest that the chief superintendent of Barnes police station arranges for his foot-patrol officers, should there be any in the early hours of the morning, to deliver me two pints of full-cream milk on the doorstep each day until countermanded.

Yours faithfully, BOB NIBBS, 68 Palewell Park, SW 14. January 20.

#### **SYMBOLIC EQUATIONS**

SI JEUNESSE SAVOIT . . .

Islamic fundamentalists have begun to demand that all classes at Arab universities, instead of just some art subjects, be taught in Arabic. At present science and technology are taught mainly in English or French. Universities in Algeria and the Sudan have already been ordered to teach all subjects in Arabic only, on the grounds that the language of the Koran can handle any topic and that people have a right to be taught in their native tongues.

At first sight, the fundamentalists seem to have some sense in their argument. Arabic might sound a suitable language for scientific topics. The Arab scholars of the European dark ages transmitted the mysteries of algebra taken from Alexandrian scholars, who derived the subject from Babylon and Sumer. The word's derivation comes from al-jebr, the reunion of broken parts, a term also used for bone-setting. It has nothing to do with Al-Gebr, as every schoolboy, for whom quadratic equations might as well have been in Arabic, once believed. He was a chemist. Chemistry comes from alchemy, and was transmitted through Spain by Arab scholars. But the word first occurs in Greek. It has more to do with pouring and infusion, which is what the early Greek chemists did with plant juices, than with fanciful Arabic etymologies.

That most of the world uses "Arabic" numerals for its sums does not make Arabic a peculiarly numerate language. These numerals were taken from classical Arabic of the period up to the 13th century, the antique basis of modern standard Arabic and of the

many colloquial dialects that have sprung from it. The original Arabic numerals can still be recognised in the script of Morocco. for example the figure for eight, at least if they are turned on their sides or unside down. But for the past eight centuries the Arabs of the Middle East have used a different Indian system of numbering.

The Arab scholars of the dark ages in Spain were undoubtedly great men and a vital link to the wisdom of the past. But their algebra, science and geography were primitive and their language was not peculiarly scientific. There are 28 consonants in Arabic, the great majority of which have four printed forms, depending on whether the letter stands alone, at the beginning, middle or end of a word. Its numeration is immensely complex and a devil to print. Attempts to teach in Arabic at some Middle Eastern medical schools have been a

dangerous disaster. Any language can be adapted to do anvthing, if enough people need to use it so. But science should be above linguistic chauvinism. Most of the essential texts and journals in science are published in English. Scientific terms can be translated into the dialects of Arabic only by transliteration or chumsy circumlocation. In scholarship as in other matters, the nunnel-vision of Islamic fundamentalists is leading them back to the dark ages from which their broad-minded ancestral sages and savants helped to rescue Europe. Teaching science in Arabic has everything to do with Islamic politics and nothing with the advancement of learning. Religious schools From Mr F. H. Pedley

Sir, Clifford Longley (January 11) is right to point out that church schools were in existence long before the 1944 Education Act, indeed before publicly provided education began. But it should also be made clear that church school buildings, operating as aided schools, are actually owned by the churches which run them. They do not belong to the education authority.

It was this crucial fact which was the basis for the 1944 settlement. including the grant-aid system and the composition of governing bodies. The Muslims with whom I have

discussed the issue of separate schools for Muslim children usually assume that the buildings for such institutions would be given to them. or made available free of charge. Such an arrangement should be vigorously resisted, since it would be quite wrong for a local authority to offer property for denominational purposes which had been paid for from the public purse.

Only after the Muslim community had bought, or built, their own schools should they be eligible for the substantial grants which are available to aided schools.

Having said that, however, I can see no reason why Muslims should not then be entitled to run their own educational institutions with state aid, provided that they operate within the rules and regulations of

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

The Princess Royal, Patron, the

National Association of Victim

Support Schemes, later attended

a Reception to launch Friends of

Victim Support, at BAFTA, 195

Piccadilly, London W1. Her Royal Highness, President.

BAFTA, subsequently attended a

Dinner for existing and potential Corporate Members at the Dor-

chester Hotel, Park Lane, London

January 21: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded

Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

January 21: The Princess of Wales today visited HMS Corn-wall (Captain Paul Branscombe,

RN) at Devonport Naval Base.

KENSINGTON PALACE

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF, was in attendance.

January 21: Princess Alice, Duch-

ess of Gloucester, this afternoon presented the London in Bloom

Certificates of Excellence 1991 for the London Borough of Tower

Hamlets at the Globe Town Neighbourhood Centre, 62, Roman Road, London E2.

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

CLARENCE HOUSE

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in

SANDRINGHAM January 21: By command of The Queen, the Earl Howe, Lord in Waiting, was present at Heath-row Airport, London, this evening upon the arrival of The President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, and welcomed His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE January 21: The Duke of York this evening attended a Dinner given by the Saudi-British Society at the Café Royal, London WI. and was received by the Chairman (Lord Denman).
Captain Neil Blair, RN, was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening presented the Cambridge Youth Theatre's "Grand Draw" prizes at Bucking-

The Princess Royal visited Avon this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant

for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt). Her Royal Highness reopened the Winter Gardens at Westonsuper-Mare and opened the new headquarters of the Avon and Constabulary.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke

### **OBITUARIES**

#### DAVID WALLACE

David Mitchell Wallace. CBE, surgeon and professor of urology, Riyadh Medical College, Saudi Arabia, 1974-78, died on January 11 aged 78. He was born on May 8, 1913.

DAVID Wallace was one of the most innovative urological surgeons of his time, especially in dealing with cancer of the bladder, kidney and prostate. He sparkled with deas and sent his young assistants off to the laboratory to try them out: they are among the leaders in this field today. His gift of kindling enthusiasm was combined with a delightful sense of fun and friendliness, not always noticeable among the

senior surgeons of his day. Wallace was educated at Mill Hill and University College London. He volunteered for the RAF and rose to command a mobile field hospital in the North African cam-paign from 1940 to 1943, work for which he was mentioned in dispatches and appointed a military OBE. It was here that he met Roger Pugh, the pathologist with whom he was to collaborate so fruitfully in later years at the Institute of Urology. On returning to Europe, he managed to get to Normandy (in a plaster jacket for a fractured spine) and continued serving

After the war, Wallace specialised in urology, and was resident surgical officer at St Peter's Hospital, Covent Garden, to F. J. F. ("Snorker") Barrington, pioneer investigator of the physiology of the bladder. But he was soon invited to become Terence Millin's personal assistant just when Millin's safe and

in Europe until 1945.



simple new operation had revolutionised the treatment of prostatic disease. Wallace was always interested in cinephotography and helped Millin make the first film of this procedure - a film which was shown to surgeons all over the world and did much to promulgate the new

technique. Later he was appointed consultant urologist to St Peter's Hospital, the Royal Marsden Hospital, the Chelsea Hospital for Women and

Although Wallace remained an all-round urologist, it was with urological cancer that he made his major contribution. Working closely with Sir David Smithers and the late Professor Julian Bloom at the Royal Marsden and Dr Roger Pugh at the Institute of Urology, he made a number of imaginative innovations in the treatment of cancer of the kidney, bladder and prostate. A great gadgeteer (his hobby was building sports cars),

Wallace was a bold and imaginative operating surgeon.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was his insistance that surgeons should really understand the pathology of the malignancies they were dealing with so that they could plan their treatment rationally. In collaboration with Roger Pugh at the Institute of Utology he obliged a whole generation of surgeons to think in terms of the microscope. It was Wallace and Pugh's system of grading bladder cancer and their organisation of the laboratory examination of samples of testicular cancer, sent in by surgeons from around the country, that enabled cases to be classified more precisely so that appropriate treatment could be given to new patients.

The system was adopted and became standardised all over the world. These contributions were recognised by membership of many international urological societies the award of the St Peter's medal of the British Association of Urological Surgeons, and the presidency of the section of urology of the Royal Society of Medicine.

After he retired from St Peter's in 1974 Wallace went to be professor of surgery in Riyadh, where his enthusiasm resulted in the creation of such a popular and stimu-lating surgical course that he was persuaded to stay on for a further term of two years. He was appointed CBE in 1978. He was a master surgeon and a stimulating and delightful colleague.

He leaves a widow, Noel, a son — also a urologist — and three daughters.

#### PROFESSOR DAVID EICHHOLZ

David Edward Eichholz, emeritus professor of classics in the University of Bristol, died on December 26 aged 85. He was born on January 25, 1906.

AS A classicist David Eichholz will be remembered chiefly for his exemplary editions of Theophrastus's De Lapidibus and - in the Loeb Library - Pliny's Natural History. But his meticulously researched and admirably lucid articles covered a far wider range, including Roman SETURE. One of his Virgil articles

was regarded as of sufficiently. lasting value to be reprinted a few years ago as the introductory item in a collection of significant contributions to twentieth century Virgil studies. Though not by training a historian, he acquired considerable expertise in the history. of Roman Britain; one of his articles - on Constantius's recovery of Britain from Carausius — is still consid-ered the definitive treatment of the subject. David Eichholz was edu-

cated at St Paul's School and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he obtained first class honours in both parts of the classics tripos, winning the Porson prize for Greek iambics and the Sir William Browne medal for epigram. While at Emmanuel he became acquainted with many members of the Aposties group. In 1931 he was appointed temporary assistant lecturer in classics in the University of Bristol, where he was in due course appointed lecturer (1934), senior lecturer in 1948 and reader in 1955. In 1964 he succeeded William Beare as professor of classics. He retired in 1971 and remained

in Bristol until his death. The qualities of lucidity and

impeccable scholarship which characterised his published work were also the outstanding features of his undergraduate teaching. His innate dignity could make him seem aloof on first acquaintance, but all those who approached him soon perceived the interest in others that lay close beneath the surface. Many of his students became lifelong friends, and his capacity to make friendships among the young was well demonstrated by the number of undergraduates who were glad to take him for walks during his years of retirement

The fact of being taken for walks serves to highlight an essential feature of David Eichholz's career: almost all of it was pursued from a wheelchair. As a young man he was very active physically. playing tennis and cricker, enjoying country dancing, but above all finding a very real fulfilment in strenuous excursions in the mountains, particularly in Austria and Switzerland.

On an archaeological expedition to the mountains of Persia in 1936 he contracted polio. He was able, after some months, to emerge from an iron lung but he never walked again. His disability was borne with stoic fortitude; he was never heard to complain. instead, he maintained a lively "spectator interest" in those activities, including music, which he had previously pursued actively, and instead of walking among the hills he would have himself driven, evincing a mastery of manreading, topographical visualisation and history of the landscape that was the eavy of his friends. That made an outing with him a voyage of discovery for the

He never married.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr R. Bartlett and Miss C.J. Lawton

The engagement is annou between Raymond, son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Bartlett, of Dymchurch, Kent, and Clare Jane, elder daughter of Mr Louis D. Lawton, QC, and Mrs Helen M. Lawton, of York.

Mr D.H. Fell

and Miss A.M. Shearman The engagement is announced between David Hamilton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.B.H. Fell, of North Hill, West Somerset, and Anne Martha, daughter of Mr T.B. Shearman and the late Martha Shearman, of Briardiff New York, USA.

Mr N.H. Fiddian-Green and Miss H.F.M. Hutley

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Commander and Mrs J.H. Fiddian-Green, of North Curry, Somerset, and Henrietta Frances Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hutley, of Wintershall, Bramley, Surrey.

Mr A.J. von der Heyde and Miss S.P.C. Powell-Shedden The engagement is announced Alexander James. youngest son of Mr and Mrs Helmut von der Heyde, of Wisborough Green, Sussex, and Serena Patricia Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Powell-Shedden, of Hardmea Buckinghamshire.

Mr M.J. Konstam

and Miss L.C.M. Paul The engagement is announced between Michael, son of the late Mr M.G.K. Konstam and of Mrs Teresa Konstam, of Assenois, Belgium, and Lucy, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel L.C.J. Paul. OBE, of Hampstead, London, and Mrs M.E. Paul, of Choritoncum-Hardy, Manchester.

Mr D.H. Lawton and Miss T.S. Buchanan The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr William Lawton, of Chester, and of Mrs Jennifer Woodcock, of Liverpool, and Tessa Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Buchanan, Yew Tree House, Compton, Chichester.

Miss Mary Hayley Bell, play-wright, 81; Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, 67; Mr John Collier.

chairman, Nuclear Electric, 57; Sir John Cotton, diplomat, 83; Sir

Charles Davis, former Counsel to the Speaker. 83; Mr George

Foreman, boxer, 44; the Hon John Fremantle, Lord Lieutenant

of Buckinghamshire, 65; Miss Ann Goddard, QC, 56; Miss Margaret Hall, head of design, British Museum, 56: Lord Hughes, 81: Mr John Hurt, John Hughes, 181: Mr John Hart, 2019, 52: Mr John Last, 2019

actor, 52; Mr John Last, arts

narron, 52: Baroness Lockwood,

68; Sir Alfred Ramsey, manager,

England's World Cup football team, 72; Mrs Claire Rayner,

writer and broadcaster, 61; Dr

Denis Rebbeck, shipbuilder, 78;

Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, 52:

Sir Hilary Talbot, former High

Court judge, 80; Lord Wardington, 68; Sir Graham

Wilkins, former chairman. Thorn EMI. 68.

Appointments

Service.

Museum of London.

for Northern Ireland.

Mr Geoffrey Horton to be Direc-

tor General of Electricity Supply

Mr David Newell, head of gov-

ernment and legal affairs at the Newspaper Society, to be Deputy Director of the Newspaper Society. He will succeed Mr Norman

Mr Nicholas Anthony John

Philipot to be a circuit judge, assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.

Walker, who retires this year.

Latest appointments include:

**Birthdays** 

today

and Mrs C.S.V. Reide The engagement is announced between David McCabe, of Greenwich, Connecticut, and Caroline Reide, of Richmond,

Mr I.J. McDonald

The engagement is announced between Ian James, son of Mr

Mr A.J. Taylor and Miss S.M. Wilson

Colonel and Mrs Desmond Wilson, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr R.B. Tho

The engagement is announced between Rodney, eldest son of the late Mr Arthur Thompson Llanengan, North Wales, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bett, of Groombridge,

Gordon Walker, of Harwell, Oxfordshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Dr and Mrs Brian

Marriage

Mr P.P. Welton and Miss J.A. Geddes and Miss J.A. Genoes
The marriage between Mr Paul
Philip Welton, son of Mr Philip
Welton and Mrs Janes Mackrodt,
and Miss Jacqueline Ann Geddes, daughter of Mr and Mrs George D.E. Geddes took place on Wednesday, January 15, at The British Embassy, Abu Dhabi,

Lancaster Hotel at 7.30.

scholarships.

Princess Alexandra will attend a Soiree d'Or at the Royal College of Music at 7.20.

Mr Christian Adams to be Ambassador to Thailand and for the coming year: concurrently Ambassador (nonresident) to Laos, in succession to Mr M. R. Melhuish, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Mr Colin Amery, Architectural Correspondent of The Financial Times, to be a Governor of the

Church news

Clergy appointments The Rey Richard Pamplin, Priest-in charge and Team Rector designate Madeley: to be Team Rector, Madeley Team Ministry (newly introduced) (Her

eford). The Rev Michael J Pope, Vicar, Gnosali: to be also Rural Down of Eccleshall (Lichfield). plichfield.
The Rev Pameia Swift, Parish Deacon,
St Gress, Middletan: to be Diocesan
Stawardship Advisor (Ripod).
The Rev Reith Tessdale, Curate, Crookto be Vicar, Dunston, St Nicholas w
Christ Church (Durbare)

#### and Miss T.C. Martin

and Mrs R.J. McDonald, of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, and Tessa Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. J. Martin, of Northington Lodge, Northington, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between Andrew James, son of Mr and Mrs Reginald Taylor, of Ottershaw, Surrey, and Shauna Marie, daughter of Lieutenant

and Miss F.M. Bett

Mr C.G. Walker and Miss S.J. Hooton

The engagement is announced between Craig, son of Dr and Mrs Hooton, of Letcombe Bassett,

#### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Parron of Citizens Advice Bureaux, will visit the London Money Advice Support Unit, NACAB London Division, City Road, at 2.30; and, as Commandant-in-Chief of the St. John Ambulgace and Nursing Si John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will hold a reception at Buckingham Palace at 5.30 for Grand Prior Cadets. As President of the British Knitting and Cloth-ing Export Council, she will attend the British Apparel Export Awards' dinner at the Royal

Princess Margaret will attend a private view of the Mantegna Exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts at 6.50; and a concert at St James's, Piccadilly, at 7.55 in aid of the Royal Academy Schools'

#### Royal Society

The following to be Vice-Presidents of the Royal Society for the coming year:

Sir Robert Honeycombe, FRS, Treasurer of the Royal Society: Professor B K Follett. FRS, Biological Secretary of the Royal Society. Sir Francis Graham-Smith. FRS, Phytical Secretary of the Royal Society: Dr Anne L McLaren, FRS, Foreign Secretary of the Royal Society: Sir Geoffrey Allen, FRS, Executive Advisor to Kobe Steel (to have responsibilities for relations with the Fellowship of Engineering; Professor J Maynerd Smith, FRS, emerius professor of biology. Surset University to have responsibilities for relations with the British Academy).

Julia McCarthy, actress, died of cancer in a London hospice on December 6 aged 64. She was born in Glasgow on December 29, 1927.

THE nearest Julia McCarthy came to achieving stardom was when she played Adam Faith's mother in the long-running Seventies television series Budgie. although she also had an important role in the equally successful London Belongs To Me. Yet to her peers - star performers and fellow character actors alike she was the supreme professional throughout a career spanning 40 years during which she was rarely out of work

Leading stage directors like Frank Dunlop, John Dexter and Alan Strachan would cast her again and again for their productions because they admired her wide-ranging powers and total dedication. At the same time they could rely on the diminutive actress's exuberance to lend reassurance to the most jittery of early read-throughs of a new play.

Early in her school life her family moved from Glasgow to Dumfries from where her father worked as a relief public house manager for a brewery. She left school at 17 to become a librarian but her mind was on acting, an enthusiasm she first acquired at school but was to expand into a determined ambition when she joined the local amateur company, the Dumfries Guild of Players. From there she studied acting at the Bristol Old Vic and her long and varied career began, leading to a string of roles in successful productions of some of the world's outstanding plays, both in London's West End and for the National Theatre as well as in the provinces. Julia McCarthy played the maid to



JULIA McCARTHY

Maggie Smith's Hedda in the highly acclaimed Ingmar Bergman-directed production of Hedda Gabler at the National in 1970. She appeared in the first production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. She was in the long West End run of The Killing of Sister George in the mid-Sixties when she joined the cast at the same time as Hermione Baddeley took over from Beryl Reid in the title role. She also had roles in productions of She Stoops To Conquer. The Alchemist, A Taste of Honey, Romeo and Juliet and many plays from the

She won plaudits for her old lady part in the play The Steamie at Greenwich two years ago and for her many key characterisations on television in such series and plays as Edward and Mrs Simpson, Rumpole of the Bailey, Crown Court and The Good Companions. Her films included Erik the Viking, Venus Peter and Peter Yates's The Year of the Comet, to be released later this year Julia McCarthy first became ill in

classical and modern repertoires.

October during rehearsals of the current West End production of The Cabinet Minister starring Derek Nimmo and Maureen Lipman. She struggled on with the encouragement of the entire cast who realised that the caricature role of the dominating and exceedingly Scottish Lady McPhail was designed for her talents. She had been highly praised for her portrayal of the same character in a Manchester production three years ago. Julia McCarthy's strong will beneath the bird-like brightness was well known and she persisted with the three weeks of rehearsals and even managed a few public performances during the opening in Plymouth. But the many costume changes and a vigorous dance called for

in the last act proved too much and she was forced to withdraw. Even after that, though by then seriously ill. she accepted a character role in a new ITV show called Sam's Saturday which called for her to film in the open at four in the morning. A grateful director sent her a videotape of the show but she was never able to watch

Julia McCarthy, who never married, will also be seen on BBC Scotland in the spring in a 10-part drama series filmed last August called Strathblair.

#### **SVEN DODINGTON**

Sven H. Dodington, who invented a system of aerial navigation now in use throughout the world, died in Whippington, New Jersey on January 14 aged 79. He was born in Vancouver. British Columbia, in 1912.

AIRLINE passengers who arrive at their proper destinastraying have good reason to be thankful for the work of standing electronics engineer who held no fewer than 50 patents, he devised a radio beacon which would tell an aircraft the course on which to fly towards an airport and the distance it would have to COVET.

Known as tactical air navigation (TACAN) and distance measuring equipment (DME), the system projected a discrete radio beam for each degree of the magnetic compass, enabling the pilot to steer the shortest possible route to his destination when picked up by the cockpit instruments. This was a considerable advance over earlier non-directional beacons. which provided a point to aim at but required constant adjustment for wind-drift. The system is now in universal civilian and military use.

Although he was born in Canada, Dodington grew up in England and San Francisco. gaining a bachelor's degree from Stanford University, in 1934. During the second world war he led much of the Allied research into airborne radar and coun-

Dodington spent most of tions without the pilot his career with the International Telephone and Telegraph Company, which he he worked at ITT's radio navigation laboratory in New Jersey and was promoted to vice-president of the avionics division in 1958. He became an executive at ITT's technical department in 1969 and retired in 1975.

The author of numerous articles and co-author of the Electronic Engineer's Handbook, Dodington was a pastpresident of the Aerospace and Electronics System Society. He was also past-chairman of the National Acrospace Electronics Conference, a member of the avionics panel of the Defence Science Board, and a consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa).

. He is survived by his wife. Kathleen, two sons and a daughter.

#### University news

Cambridge Election

OUTENS' COLLEGE To a research fellowship from October 1, 1992: Andrew William Michael Reynolds. BA (Oxon). St Andrews Grants

CHAILS

Science and Engineering Research
council: £100,276 to Dr J R Ringhorn
for regulatory studies of the Aspergillus
nidulans alli-nialD region; £108,813 to
Professor M H Dunn. Professor W
Sibbett and Dr B D Sinciair to
research holosteric optical parametric
oscillators.

oscillators.

Commission of European Communities: El01,000 to Dr N Hazon to study biological factors affecting the development, growth rate and mortality of the eel Angulija angulija in an intensive recirculating aquaculture Ministry of Defence 1197.463 to Professor W Sibbett to study frequency-agile holosteric lasers.

Medical Research Council: 691,622 to Professor D W Johnston for predicting and measuring the cardiovascular response to sucess in real title.

St George's Hospital Medical School Professor G.M. Hall, professor of clinical anaesthesia at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School and honorary consultant anaesthetist at Hammersmith Hospital, has been appointed to the Foundation chair of anaesthesia

The Duke of York attended a

diriner held last night at the Cafe

Royal in honour of Prince Mohammed bin Fahd bin

Abdulaziz and General Sir Peter

de la Billière. Lord Denman, Chairman of the Saudi-British

Society, was host. The Ambas-

sadors of Saudi Arabia. Kuwait.

Qatar and the United Arab Emir-

European-Atlantic Group Mr Raymond Kendall, Secretary-

General of Interpol, was the

speaker at a dinner of the Euro-pean-Atlantic Group held last

night at the St Ermin's Hotel after

ates were among the guests.

Saudi-British Society

at St George's Hospital Medical School from July 1. Wales

Honorary degrees MSe Mr Dafydd Dafis, for conservation of the environment. LLD: Professor Brian Follett, zoologist; Mr Neil Kinnock, MP; Lord Morris of Castle Morris, service to the university; Mr Howard W. Morris, treasurer of UWIST and University of Wales College of Capitife College of Cardiff.

DSc Professor Kenichi Fukui, physical chemist; Professor Jean Thomas, biochemist. DLitt Mr Ivor Bulmer-Thomas. building conservator, Mr Gwyn Erfyl Jones), contribution to Welsh language television; Mr Anthony Powell, CH, novelist. DD: Lord Jakobovits, formerly

Chief Rabbi. Univiersity of Wales College of Medicine

Dr A. K. Burnett, consultant haematologist at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, has been appointed professor and head of the department of haematology in Cardiff, in succession to Professor Allan Jacobs, who has retired.

#### Dinners

a meeting at the House of Commons by courtesy of Mr Peter Temple-Morris, a vice-president. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, joint-chairman of the group, presided. Among those present at the dinner were: present at the dinner were:
The Ambassadors of Argentina, Turkey and Romania and other members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Earl of Bestborough, Judith Counters of Listowell. Baroness Elitic of Harwood, Lord and Lady Erroll of Hale, facqueline Lady Killeam, Sir John Akehurst, Sir Ronald and Lady Arculus, Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, Sir James and Lady Dunnen, Lady Grundy, Sir william and Lady Jackson, Sir John Peel, Sir Frank Roberts, Sir Sigmund Stemberg, Sir Charles and Lady Tudbury and representatives from the Home Department and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

#### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, lord chancellor 1618-21. London, 1561; Gotthold Lessing, dramatist, Kamenz, Germany, 1729; Andrè Ampère, physicist, Lyons, 1775; George Gordon Byron, 6th Baron Byron, poet. London, 1788; August Strindberg, dramatist. Stock-holm, 1849.

DEATHS: William Paterson, financier, London, 1719; Charles Rean, actor-manager, London, 1868: Sir Joseph Whitworth, industrialist and engineer, Monte Carlo, 1887; Carlo Pellegrini, the cartoonist "Ape", London, 1889: cartonist "Ape". London. 1889:
David Hughes, pioneer of telephony, London, 1900; Victoria,
reigned 1837-1901, Osborne
House, Isle of Wight, 1901;
Walter Sickert, painter, Bath,
1942: Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th
president of the USA 1963-69,
San Antonio, Texas, 1973; Herhert, Surgliffe, Yorkshire, and bert Sutcliffe, Yorkshire and

England cricketer, 1978. Spain ceded the Falkland Islands to Britain, 1771. "Bloody Sunday" in St Petersburg, when insurgent workers were fired upon. 1905.

#### Reception

Royal Society of Medicine Sir David Innes Williams, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, and Lady Innes Williams received the guests at a reception held last night at 1 Wimpole Street after Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, had delivered the Ellison-Cliffe Lecture.

#### Luncheon

Lunchtime Comment Club Judge Petre. Chairman of the Police Complaints Authority, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr Stuart Drummond, chairman, presided.

#### Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy CAPTAIN: J M de Halpert - Staff of FOSF 74.92: T M Masterman - BD\$ Wath-ington 24.92: D C Murray - MOD London 30.4.92. LORIGON 30.4.92.

COMDANDER: R S AIMSIGY - Ark Royal
19.6.92: R J Biott - SHAPE Berglum
26.9.92: N J D Day - SERI O F FOSF
23.3.92: G R N POSTET - MOD LORIGON
19.6.92: N J D FULION - IMS Brussels
15.6.92: R C Harvey - MOD Yeovikun
10.3.92: L S O Haime - MOD LORIGON
26.92: J C Ridd - NP 2010 as Co 9.7.02:
R E Passinghayn - Excest 17.7.92: D A
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SURGEON COMMANDER: O M HOWARD
- RNH Haslar 6.10.92. SURGEON COMMANDER (D); E A Ball -MOD LORGON 10.7.92.

BRIGADIERS:R A Oliver - To HQ (\*(BR) Corps 24.1.92; P C C Trousdell - to be Comd HQ 48 Gurkha Inf-Bde 23.1.92. COMM HQ 48 GUIRIAN INT BOR 23.1.92.
COLONELS: M W FORMET - TO SHAPE
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CORPS - TO HQ UNIT 20.1.92: J S
OLOOMARI IG - TO BE CO SP UNIT
SHAPE. 20.1.92: R D RICHARDS RE - TO
DE CO 32 Armed Engr Res. 21.1.92: J A
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RODERISON ACC - TO DE COMM CVHQ
ACC-20.1.92: L M G STONE R STGNALSTO BE CO HQ SIG RES.
HONORARY APPOINTMENT
PROFESSOR J E BRANEVALE IS APPOINTED

Professor J E Banatvala is appointed Honorary Consultant to the Army in Microbiology on 6 January 92 in succession to Professor F W O'Grady.

#### Royal Air Force

W. McC. Rae to be Senior Directing Staff (Air), Royal College of Defence Studies from December 6, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal C. E. Evans.

T B Sherrington appointed Air Officer Administration and Air Officer Commanding Support Units RAF Support Command from January 17, in succession to Air Vice-Marshal M. J. C. W.

AIR COMMODORE: N T Carrer - TO HO RAFSC 24.1.92; A F Johnson - TO CARE 10.1.92; R H Gould - TO RAF Bracknell 10.1.92; M C G Wilson - TO MOD 10.1.92; P A Hurrell - TO HO IGP 10.1.92; P J O'Rellly - TO AO Wales and OC RAF SI Aman 17.1.92. GEOUP CAPTAIN: J T. Uprichard - TO RAF Waddington 3.1.92; D H A Greenway to HO RAFSC 6.1.92; J W A Bolton - TO MOD (AFD) (1.85) 6.1.92; P S Kiggel - TO HO Air Cadess 13.1.92; T Beles - TO RAF Linion-Orr-Ouse 17.1.92; M J A

WING COMMANDER: M J Webb RAF High Wycombe as Sin. Cdr 20.1.92 E C Fosex - to HQ STC 20.1.92; C.1 i Sicilera - To HQ STC 20.1.92; M Benshaw - to Staff C Bracknell 20.1.92; H Beith-Jones - to MOD AFD 20.1.92; Stellern - To HQ STC 20.1.92: M J
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#### Council of Legal Education

The following have passed the aptitude test, October 1991: Justin Cole. Garath John Jones. Sundeep Kemar Espila. Earen Amande. Loadsman. Adedamola Olesupo Adeseni, Angustus Ocel Agrennag. Anima Geser. Hugh David Haydn Williams. Minne. ONDITIONAL PASS: Christian

#### Memorial service

Mr Kenneth P. Obank A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Mr Kenneth Pounds Obank was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street Canon John Oates officiated. Mr William Millinship, Moscow Correspondent of The Observer, read the lesson and Mrs Rose Dailey; daughter, read Little Gidding from Four Quartets by T.S. Fliot.

The Hon David Astor and Mr Donald Treiford, Editor of The Observer, gave addresses. Mr Robert Ault played an extract from the Clarinet Concerto in A
by Mozart, accompanied by Mr
Manthew Morley, piano, Among Matthew Moriey, piano, Among others present were:

Mis Obank (widow). Miss Maggis Obank (datighted). Mr and Mrs Richard Branagan Stor-in-law and daughted. Mr Ben Branagan, Miss Emma Branagan, Mr Sen: Artowardick and Miss Beth Artowardick (grandchildren). Mr Citre Artowardick, Mr and Mrs John Darmady. Miss Flora Darmady.

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#### Mr J.F. Phillips

John Francis Phillips, CBE, LLM, QC, has been appointed President of The Associated Examining Board on retiring.



Legal

GOLDTRACK LIMITED
Pessed 13th November, 1991
At an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the above-numed
Company, duly convened, and
held at A01 St. John Street
Londoot EC1V 4LH on the 13th
day of November, 1991, the substate extraordinary Resolution
was stuly pensed, viz.
"That it has been proved to the
salistaction of this meeting that
the Company cannot by reason of
the Bachtithes continue in business.

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PROCEEDINGS

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meeting of creditors is to be held
at Charter 1 Salie. Waidoof Hotel.
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January 1992 at beats under 50
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of our proposals may be obtained
a Committee of Creditors A copy
of our proposals may be obtained
from P O Box 65. I Surrey Street,
London WcZe 2NT.
Dafed this 20th day
of January 1992

J.A. Talbot, A.W. Brierley,
M. Fishman, M McKillop
lotni Administrators

January 1992 at 13.09 recorded on proposals under the 23(1) of the insolvency 1986 and to consider establic a Committee of Creditors. A of our proposals may be obtated the Committee of Creditors. A of our proposals may be obtated the Committee of Creditors. A of our proposals may be obtated that 20th day of January 1992

J.A. Talbot. A.W. Brierley. M. Fishman, M. McKillop. Joint Administrators

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 TRACEFAX DISTRIBUTION LIMITED Notice is hereby tiven, pursuant to Section 98 of the insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above named Company will be held: at 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH on Tuesday the 28th day of January 1992 at 11.00 o'clock in the Morning for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98:2a) of the insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner the insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company-affairs is Francis Weesely of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH. Dated this 17th day of January 1992 By Order of the Board Oordon Musch, Director

LIFESTYLE
CONSULTANTS LIMITED
Passed 22nd October, 1991
At an Extraordinary Ceneral
Meeting of the above-named
Company, duly convened, and
held at 401 St John Street,
London ECIV 4LH on the 22nd
day of October, 1991, the subjoined Extraordinary Resolution
was duly passed, viz.
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That if has been proved to the
satisfaction of this meeting that
the Company cannot by feedom of

LEGAL NOTICES

Candydale Limited
In Administrative Receivership
Registered Number: 1,591,560
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pursuant to Section 48 of the
insolvency Act 1960, that a gengrad five-ting of the unectured
creditors of the above-named
company with he held at The
Crickhers Club & London VIM
SAQ on 10 February 1992 at
10 DO hirs for the purpose of having a report loid before the meeting and of hearing any
constantion that may be given by
the Administrative Receivers.
Creditors whose claims are
wholly secured are not entitled to
arrand or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is
entitled to vote only if he has
delivered to the Administrative
Receivers not later than 12.00 hrs
on 7 February 1992 details in
writing of the debt claimed to be
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been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any prooty which
the credition intends to be used on
his behalf.

Joaked: 9 January 1992
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John Administrative Receiver

NEACROFT LIMITED
On Administrative Receivership
NOTICE IS HERERY CAVEN,
pursuant to section 48 of the
incolvency Act 1996, that a meeting of the creditors of the above
named company will be nied at
2004, the continue of the continue
1992 at 10.00 hours for the purposes mentioned in sections 48
and 49 of the said Act.
A creditor is entitled to vote at
this meeting only if:
(a) he has forwarded to the Joint
Administrative Receiver. Mr P R
Sylves of BDO Binder Hamilyn. 20
Old Balley, London. EC4M TBR,
not later than 12.00 noon on the
7th day of February 1992 details
in writing of the debt that he
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above named company, and the
claim has been duly admitted for
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methods to be used on his behalf

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY

(EVEN, pursuant to Section 48 of

the insolvency Ad 1986, that

unsecured creditors of the above

company, may obtain, free of

charge, a copy of the Joint

Administrative Receiver report

by writing to PR Sylves of EDO

London EDOM, 78M, autoling ref
creace AF/80.

TO: Nabeci Nouri Al-Fadhel late of 166 Gloucester Place. West Minster, London, NW1.

TAKE NOTICE that an action has been commenced spalins you in the High Court of Justice Chancarden Building Society, which Pelantists claims for an Order for Sale of the above mentioned property 166 Gloucester Place West Minster, London, NW1.

AND THAT IT HAS BEEN ORDERED by the High Court of Justice that service of the Originating Summona in the said action on you be affected by this

action on you be affected by this advertisement.

AND FURTHER TAKE.

NOTICE that you must, within 14 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of such day of publication, acknowledge service of the Originating Sumfactor of Actinowledgement of Service writer winch may be obtained from the solicitors whose name and address appears below, otherwise Judgment may be emered against you.

You. Booth & Co Sovereign House South Parade, Leeds LS1 1HQ. Ref: DGH/TDC

NEACROFT LIMITED

BARNES - On January 18th 1992. Decretully at St George's Heaptile. Milford-on-Sea: Shoito Douglas Bernes O.B.E., withower of Joan (née Bernes O.B.E., withower of Joan (née Bernes O.B.E., withower of Joan (née Bernes O.B.E.) and (née Bernes O.B.E.) and (née Prompt of Heapt and grandfother of Katrina, Oliver. Antonia and Georgian, Private Grandfon, 16 flower but donations if Georgian, Private Grandfon, 16 flower Fund. C/o Mrs J. Bernes Mersh House, Pilley Hm. Boldre. Lymington, Hants. Thankspiring Service is Belgist Church on Tuesday March 3rd at 11.30 am.

BRESSON - On January 18th 1992, aged 91. Elizabeth oxide Moutine(). Widow of Louis Bresson, Peacefully at home at Les Messelins. Chandal, Orne. Beloved mother, standardmother who will be sadly, reseed.

BUCHANAR-ALLEN - On Jamesry 20th. Donaid Roy. state of Deloved husband of Pat. and fether of Steaman and stepfather to Louiss and Christopher, and grandfather of Tom. Funeral Service on Monday Jamesry 27th at 2.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church in Folkestone. Memortal Service to follow at a later data in the West Counity. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Christian Aid inter Church House, 35 Lower Manch. London SE1 TRO.

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BUCKINGHAM - On January
18th, Deacefully at Hennel
Hempstead Hospital, Counds,
dear wife and mother of Bill.
and Philip, Puneral Service
to be held at The Chiltern's
Crematorium. American,
on Tuesday January 28th at
2.50 pm. Family flowers
only donations in lieu for
The Hennel Hempstead
Hospital Scanner Appeal, c/o
G, Hall & Sons, 3 Markowes,
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CHARLTOSE—CZAPICKI

On January 19th 1992
suddenty at home. Bernard,
beloved husband of Lond and
father of Anthony and
Christopher, Much loved
father-halw and 'Ana' of
Martin and Angela, Funeral
at The Jesuit Fathers in
Wahn Lame. NW2, Friday
January 24th at 10 am.
Enquiries and flowers James
Crook Funeral Director, tel:
(071) 624-2288.

6071) 624-2289.

COLE - On January 17th. Alison Sylvia, after a long very brave and courageous dight against leukaemia at the Hammersmith Hospital. London, aged 31. Dearly loved and loving daughter of Ruby and Philip of Feering, near Colchester. Funeral Service at Chebusford Crematorium on Tuesday January 28th at 11.30 am and a Service of Thanksgiving af St. Cypriens Church. Clarence Gate. Glentworth Street, London NWI, at 2 pm on Tuesday February 4th. Family flowers only to W.H. Shephard Funeral Directors, 95-94 High St., Colchester, but donations would be suppreciable to Leukaemia Research, 45 Great Ormond Street, London WCN 331.

Street, London WCIN XII.

COPE - On January 17th,
peacefully at Peterborough
Hospital, Li. Cot, Bernard
Harold Cope M.R.E. ER.D.
R.E. aged 78 years. Beloved
husband of Edna, of Corby
Glen. Lincs. Formerly of
Repton, Derbyshire. Much
loved father of Janeir.
Ather-in-law of David and
grandfather to Starme and
Guy. There will be a private
family service. Donations are
being received by David
Holland & Son Funeral
Directors. London Road,
Grantham, Lincs. NG31
GHW.

De COSTA - On January 19th 1992. Damasic Gores, D.L.O., F.R.C.S., peacefully at his home in Grimsby, with

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LOCKWOOD - On January
21st 1992, in Noire Dame
Cinic at Dragulann. France.
Philip. belowed husband of
Cynthia and dear father of
Sarah and Willam. Private
crenation.

DICKSON - On Jamusry 18th.

In Holm Oak Residential
Home. Oxford. Brissdier
Norman James Ulmmy)
D.S.O. G.M. tre't (f), aged 90
years. Much loved father of
Nigel. Robin and Julia and
dear husband of the late
Elleen. Funeral Service at
Holy. Trinity Church.
Henley-on-Thames. on
Monday January 27th at
11.33cm. then family only at
Reading. Cramatorium.
Family flowers only but
donalisms. If desired, to The
Princes Trust may be sent
c/o A.R. Walker & Son Lid.,
36 Elden Road. Reading.
RG1 40L.

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Jenuary 18th, peacefully at

his home after a short illness,
hravely borne, Robert John

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Professional Dancer and
Company Director, much
beloved husband of Elettra

and father of Alicia, and
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St Paul's Church, Hiedey

Wood, on January 24th,
1992 at 1.15 pm. Parisily
Riowers only please but
donations, if destred, to the

west Locality Trust Pund,
c/o Mrs Young, The Leurels,
Barrowell Green, London

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FAIRTLOUGH - On January

These are the words of the Lord God: Woe betide the prophets bent on wickedness, who follow their own enthusiasms, for they have seen no vision!

Exchiel 15: 3 REB. BURTHS ATTARD-MANCHÉ On January 11th. In New York, to Amanda (née Bibetson) and Jerumy, a daughter. Alexandra Jane. CARROLL On January 14th, at The Pordand Hospital to Lynn and Charles, a daughter, Catherina Excheria satter for Elizabeth. GREIG On James Stn. to Julia inte Spence) and David. a daughter. Alexandra Matterie. HARRISON - On December 27th 1991, to Rachele (née Lewis) and John, their first born, a son, Scott Gabriel Samuel. Samuel.

HORSON - On January 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (the Walker) and Andrew. a daughter, Georgina Mary, a elster for Huno. Hugo, MecRACKEN - On January 11th. to Jenny Councilly and Robert. a son, James Robert Sanderson. Sanderson.
NEWBURY - On Jameary:
1Sth. at Wycombe General
Hospital. to Barah (née
Croves) and Simon. a son.
Jonathan Simon Philip. Jonathan Simon Philip.

PURKISS - On January 20th
1992. In Eastbourne D.G.H.,
to Alice (née Cook) G.H.,
to Alice (née Cook) and
Simon, a beautiful daughter.
Rebects Mary. Rebecca Mary.

RUSSELL - On January 18th
1992. at John Radcinte
Hospital. Oxford. to
Calherine (née Childe) and
John. a son. Alexander
James. James.
SANDERS - On Jameary.
18th, to Helen (née Morris)
and Andrew W.T. Sanders, a son.
SMITH - On January 17th at
Melbourne, to Bronwyn (née
Naylor) and Simon, a
danghter, Rebecca Nancy May.
SMITH - On January 16th, to
Kathy and Ant, a daughter.
Eleanor Jennifer Rosamond,
a start for Robert.
SPARKS OF SPARKS - On January 16th.

10 Georgina (née Davis) and
ian, a son. Harry Christopher
Austin. Austin.

SPEARMAN - On January
16th, to Alexandra Code
Harris) and Richard, a
daughter, Lucinda Catherine,
a sister for Otivia and
Annabel.

ST AUSYN - On January
16th, to Mary and James, a
son, Feitx John, a brother for
Hugh, Clemency and Louise.

TAYLOR - On January 18th waughter, Proceet Grace.
WAUGH - On January 20th,
to Cairin (nde Davies) and
Andrew, a son, Owen Prys, a
brother for Matthew and
always
Angharad. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS ANLEY - On Sunday January AMPLEY - Un campel at the 19th, suddenly at the Cumberland Infirmary, Caritate, Str Aifred John of Watermillock, Cambria, beloved husband of the late Mona Sybtl, loved father of Lizzle, Maggie and the late Martin, father-in-law of Sue and grandfather of Amanda, and grandfather of Amanda. ALEXANDER - On January 19th 1992, peacefully at dear mother of James and the late Nors and loving grandrother and greet grandrother and greet grandrother. Funeral of Chellenham Crematorium on Tuesday Jamaary 28th at 2.30 pm. Cut flowers at 5 Yvonne. Adrian. Madeiene and Rosalind and dearest so Selim Smith & Co... 74 Prestbuty Rd., Chellenham.

Allen On Jamaary 17th 1992, peacefully in hospital. Brian Gordon. Will be sadly mineed by all at Aspen Communications. Funeral Service to be held at St. Mary's on Sanadry Jamaary 28th at 12 noon. followed by private with St. Addrew's Hospice of Communications. Friday January 18th. Chepstow. Denations for the Royal Gwent Hospital to the Ballchler's. Station Road. Scartho. Grimsby. South Humberside.

ANDERSON — On January Indicated by January 24th. Holy Trinity Church. Clapham Common at 11.15 am. followed by private water and Dalsy. Funeral to be held on January 24th. Holy Trinity Church. Clapham Common at 11.15 am. followed by private cremation. No. Howers please. Donations, if desired, to Trinity Hospice. Clapham Common.

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ON THIS DAY **JAN 22** 

The Typhoon fighter, designed by Sydney Camm, designer of the Hurricane, was later to win golden opinions in ground attacks against radar targets and V-weapon sites by a fighter wing brilliantly led by Group Captain D.E. Gillam, who died last year.

#### SUCCESSES OF TYPHOONS

Five of the 14 enemy aircraft shot

Five of the 14 enemy aircraft shot down on Wednesday were destroyed without loss by Typhoons, Britain's new high-speed fighters, states the Air Ministry News Service.

The pilots concerned in Wednesday's successes belong to the West Riding of Yorkshire Squadron.

The day began for the squadron when a Belgian flight lieutenant and a flight sergeant took off at 8.30am for an offensive patrol over Relgium, during which they shot up Belgium, during which they shot up three railway engines.

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Another pair who took off about the same time intercepted two. F.W.90s over the Channel. One of the pilots (a Belgian flying officer) dived from 800ft, and fired several bursts at the leading F.W. Flames shot out from in front of the cockpit, then it crashed into the sea.

The next two successes were scored by Flying Officer Baldwin. who, with a companion, intercepted eight or more Mel09s on their way towards London. Baldwin attacked three of the enemy aircraft which were flying spart from the others. The first lost a wing at the root and spiralled down out of control. The put at somewhere near 400 m.p.h. spiration down out of control. The second disintegrated completely. The third Me was now behind Baldwin, "but I reversed the pos-ition," he said afterwards, "and

Dover. In the pilot's own words, "It became a wall of fire." The fifth, another F.W.190, was shot down later in the afternoon by a flight lieutenant, who saw it dive into the sea off the south-east coast.

1943

The West Riding Squadron is commanded by Squadron Leader R.T. Beaumont, D.F.C., who has successfully attacked a number of goods trains in occupied country in recent weeks. On one occasion he made five separate attacks on a train near Hazebrouck, raking it from end to end.

Squadrons equipped with Ty-phoons between them destroyed 11 sneak raiders in nine days between December 15 and 24 last. The first Typhoon wing was formed and led by Wing Commander Gillam, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, A.F.C. Under him at Dieppe the wing destroyed a Do.217 and damaged several other enemy aircraft.

The West Riding Squadron had a further success yesterday. While on patrol off the south-east coast in the morning two Typhoons saw a formation of 15 or more F.W.190s flying in line abreast. Our fighters attacked, and a flying officer of the squadron shot down one of the F.W.190s into the sea.

Our Aeronautical Correspondent

The Typhoon is the RAF.'s latest single-seat fighter. It was designed by Mz. Sydney Camm, designer of the Hurricane, and is powered by the Napier Sabre engine, which has been stated to develop more than 2,000 h.p. It was this engine which Colonel J.J. Llewellin, then Parliamentary Sec-retary to the Ministry of Aircraft Production, described as developing "more power than the Royal Scot." The Typhoon's top speed has been

Though the Typhoon has been in The third Me was now behind Baldwin, "but I reversed the position," he said afterwards, "and attacked in a dive. I saw strikes but I can only claim him as damaged."

The squadron's fourth victory was an F.W.190 destroyed by another Belgian flying officer near

MATHESON - On Salurday
January 18th 1992, at Heath
Road Hospital. Irrwich.
Elleen. beloved wife of
Donald, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at
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on January 29th 1992 at
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MOUNSEY - On January 18th. Stater Katharine of Portsmouth. R.S.C.J., peacefully in hospital. Requiem Mass 2d 11 am at St. Colman's Church. Coshara. Portsmouth. on Friday January 24th followed by cremation.

MUCKLOW - On January 20th 1992. Florence, aged 84 years, of Stourbridge. West Midlands. Dearty loved mother of Allan, Albert and Anita. Funeral Service will take place in St. Marry's Church. Odswinford. on Friday January 24th at 12 noon. followed by interment in the charchyard. Family Gowers only please, donations in lieu if desired for The Chest. Heart and Stroke Association, will be accepted by H. Porter & Sons. 60 South Road. Stourbridge. West Midlands. DYB 31U.

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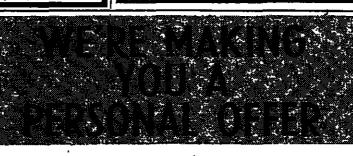
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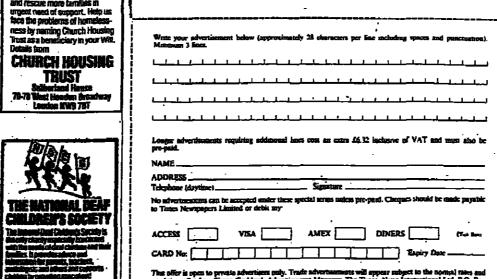
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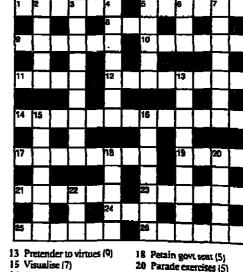
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millionare (Tony Doyle) into the new
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Almeida, Almeida Street, NI (071-359 Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-35 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat, 4pm.

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XERXES: Nicholas Hytner's bright, clean production of Hander's Xarvet makes a triumphant return to the English National Opera repertoire, revived by Julia Hollander. A strong cast is headed by Apr. 12 ided by Ann Murray in the title role, with Yvonne Kenny as Romlida, and Norman Bailey as Ariodates. Ivor Collegum, St Martin's Lane, London

WC2 (071-835 3161), 7pm SCOTTISH OPERA: 1992 brings no let up on Mozart as far as Scottish Opera is concerned. It now revives John Cox's 1986 production of The Marnage of Figaro, designed by John Byrne, restaged by Sally Day, and with Justin Brown in the pit. The cast

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country.

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D PHANTOM OF THE OPERA: Gleeful version of the old thriller tune by Offenbach, Verdi and Weber but not Lloyd Webber. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8-30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 150mins

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THE SEA: Judi Dench splendid as the village grande-dame in revival of Edward Bond's "comedy" of rage and

macriess. Mational (Lyttefton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. ☐ SOPHISTICATED LADIES: Twelve singer-dancers whisi through the music of Duke Etington Obvious routines cannol disguise the true rueful Duke. Globe, Shaftassbury Avanue, W1 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri. 8pm, Sat. 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. 130mins.

#### TODAY'S EVENTS

ntess, Claire Daniels as Susanna, abeth McCormack as Cherubino, ert Poutton as Figaro and Steven Page as Almsviva. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), 7.15pm.

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THE TALLIS SCHOLARS: Peter Philips, director of the Telks Scholars, has promoted the cause of Renelssance secred polyphony to the post where it now occupies a central position in the repertoire. His choir gives a concert that includes two messas by Palesthris — one based on the first six notes of the scale and called Ut Re ME Fa Sol, the other based on the composer's own motel Tu as Patrus — as well as Gestualdo's weird, expressive Tenebrae Responses. St. John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm

PHILIP GLASS: Philip Glass's brand

PHILIP GLASS: Philip Glass's brand of mnimalism is something you either love or hate. The best known of his music is in the lormat of opera (Einstein on the Beach, Akhnaten), film (Koyamusqait, Powaqasis) or bellet. Now, for the first time in London, the composer gives a solo pano recital of his own work which includes both arrangements and original pieces.

(071-928 8800), 8pm.

PAINTING CHURCHES: The Nuffield eatre Southampton production enting Churches, written by nencan playwright Tina Howe, ceives a West-End transfer foli receives a West End transfer following its British premiere last year. The comedy centres on the arroieties of the Church family the father a distinguished poet (Lesile Phillips), his eccentric wife (Siân Phillips) and the daughter, a rising New York artist (Jose Lawrence). Opening right. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue.

THE COTTON CLUB: Energetic round-up of well-known songs from the Harlem hotspot ("Nimite the Moocher", "Am I Blue"), given a backstage plot of sorts. The musical previews tonight and tomorrow, and opens on Friday. Akkwych, Akkwych, London WC2 (071-836 6404), 7.30pm.

ROYAL BALLET: The company's principal dancers Viviana Durante and Stephen Jettnes take the leading roles in Frederick Ashton's inherently English comic ballet. La Fille mal Garder, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Lendon WC2 (071-240 1066), 7:30pm.

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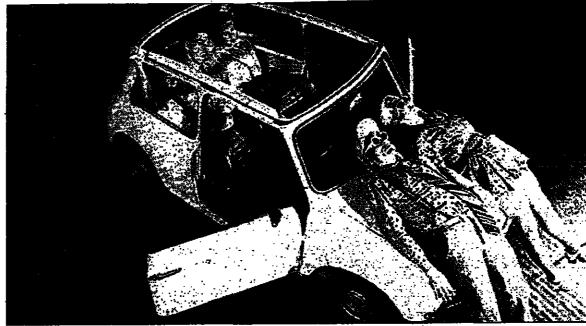
A Beautiful Life Battersea Arts Centre

TWO actors, three actresses and a white Mini: the heart sinks at the prospect at what surely will happen in a 90-minute show performed under the Mime Festival umbrella. As events turn out, rather less mime occurs than in your average Hamlet. When Ariadna Civil (from Spain) polishes the Mini's non-existent side windows with a sponge, she makes squeaky noises through her lips; likewise. Antonio Gil Martinez (also Spain) rubs the non-existent rear window with a cloth and makes deeper squeaks.

That's about it for pretending something is at their fingertips when is not. Clowning describes the Talking Pictures company better: five young clowns who occupy the first long half hour unwrapping the car and walking round the car, jumping into it through the open roof, sitting on a seat that makes a funny noise.

Martinez tells a simple joke about two tomatoes failing to cross a motorway, and the heart continues to sink. "Choke", says Ezra Hjal-marsson, a tall, gentle Swede in a Buster Keaton hat, and Martinez, at the wheel, obediently chokes. Annalisa Legato, wearing tomato-red skirt and beret, tells the same tomato story in Italian. "Let's go", they say from time to time, and certainly they have gone nowhere yet.

Then a curious thing happens. The



Rather less mime than in the average Hamlet: the clowns of Talking Pictures in A Beautiful Life

tomato story is told again and again; two tomatoes are brought on and inadvertently squashed. Joy Mer-riman (from Britain), playing a bossy-boots in a tutti-frutti skirt, orders Hialmarsson to drop his trousers and repeats the joke, emphasising the punchlines by slapping his tomatored boxers.

Merriman emotes passionately, absurdly, presenting thumbnail biographies of the doomed tomatoes, and the show's focus becomes clear: road accidents are what they are demonstrating, in a seemingly haphazard, let's-not-be-serious manner that becomes all the more telling through having for the victims, well, I mean to say, pomodori.
On this page last week Benedict

Nightingale confessed that he almost fell off his seat laughing at Talking Picture's other show. Europeans. The first part of A Beautiful Life, which is directed by Pierre Byland, would benefit from some tightening-up (and Civil's shrieks certainly pierce the eardrum) but fears that I had drawn the short straw proved premature after watching the company bring their "plot" back to the fore after each discursion into scenes of motoring discomfort or mild ribbing of national characteristics.

They even make fun of a more trivial style of mime, announced as "Dancing in the Wood", with Hjalmarsson flapping his arms to be the wood and Legato being "the dancing". They finish up in the car singing the ballad of the roadcrossing tomatoes to the tune of "Oh my darling Clementine".

JEREMY KINGSTON

#### THEATRE Crime of Love

Purcell Room

TRESTLE THEATRE Company deserves its place in the London Mime Festival over many not so mute but more inglorious ensembles. The performers rarely do abstain from speech, though both specially composed music (Toby Wilsher) and old film soundtracks, as well as the odd recorded hubbub of conversation. add another element to their wordless They perform in masks which are a

cross between carnival heads and the faces of ventriloquists' dummies: car-

toon archetypes rather than caricatures, into whose high cheekbones or permanently quizzical eyebrows. despite their immobility, it is possible to read a startling range of expression. This is allied to movement a little bolder and terser than mere naturalism, body language that is doubly eloquent in order to compensate for the absence of human

This lack is keenly felt in their latest show, a tear-jerking tale right out of Joan Crawford melodrama at its ripest. The main character is a screen star, her black hair in Mary Pickford curls, whose career is ruined when she has an illegitimate child. After years of selflessly rearing her daughter, she becomes possessive, jealous and bitter, finally attempting to destroy the

girl's marriage and kill her unborn

The plot is padded out with silent movie pastiche, as the faded star reruns her old films or remembers the past. The advantage of masked performers is that several versions of the same character, from past and present, can be represented on stage at the same time. The disadvantage is that by the end of two hours you long for the flexibility of human features to add focus and precision to the emotions.

For the puzzle remains how seriously we are meant to take the story. With its hints of Sunset Boulevard and Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? (the old star is both an alcoholic and a feigned cripple in a wheel-chair), the plot is already high camp. One suspects that what was originally an affectionate homage to the genre has lost its irony and detachment through length and heaviness. Tongue in cheek is difficult to bring off with papier maché cheeks and no

The production is a composite company effort; and the four young actors transform the naturalistic set constructed by Mark Wilsher into a fluent mixture of planes and levels turning mantelpiece and chest of drawers into stage or screen, for instance. Their expressive-body lan-guage is beautifully calculated but, paradoxically,-only underlines the lack of humanity in those fixed, intent

MARTIN HOYLE



Ziggy Marley, son of Bob: his father's reputation goes before him

#### ROCK Ziggy Marley

Town and Country

A FAMOUS name may help when it. He can certainly not be accused of comes to launching a career, but it trading on his father's glories. "I Shot cannot assure its bearer of enduring success or independent respect. For Ziggy Marley this truism has dogged a career which, although relatively young, has so far been conducted in the inevitable but very considerable shadow of his late father.

America during his own lifetime, Bob

vocal style and a standard-bearer for a similar spectrum of social and political causes, it also drew attention to his comparative shortcomings: a lack of real charisma or gravitas, and the lightweight nature of much of his ongmal material

the Sheriff and "No Woman No Cry" were slipped into the set early on and delivered with a distinct lack of fanfare by a supporting crew, the Melody Makers, which included Ziggy Marley's siblings Stephen and Cedella Marley and Sharon Marley Prendergast.

But the elements of hip hop, pop, funk and gospel he brought to a procession of pleasant but hardly ground-breaking reggae tracks - "Small People", "Tumblin' Down" and "We Propose" were among the best - seemed more like window dressing than any brave contemporary fusion. Ziggy Marley performed with an admirable lack of histrionics and some genuine charm. Perhaps it is only the long shadow in which he still stands that makes one feel that this is not quite enough.

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amply stocked with Grammies, one imagines Marley Jr must long to deserve reward for more than just his distinguished lineage. Unhappily, although this reverently received performance proved him again to be an inheritor of his father's light, graceful

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### 6.00 Ceefax (18700) 6.30 BBC Breekfast News (60123209) 9.05 Kiroy. Robert Kiroy-Siik chairs a studio discussion on what secretaries think of their bosses (4596822) 9.50 Hot Chefs. Ruth Rogers and Rose Gray prépare polenta with anchovy and rosemary sauce (2288071)

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19.00 News, regional news and weather (6868795) 19.05 Playdaya (s). (3269087) 10.25 Stoppit and Tidyup (r) (3618272) 10.35 No Kledding. Family quiz game show (s) (1033025).

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12.20 Pablita Mill. Among Judi Spiers's guests is Dudley Moore (9177731) 12.55 Regional News and weather (72537551).

1.00 One O'Clock News and weether (68484).

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceetsc) (s) (81679662) 1.50 Going for Gold. With Henry Kelly is the question-master (73574498).

2.15 Hawaii Five-O. Viritage police drama series starting Jack Lord and James Macarthur (1098087) 3.05 Help Your Child with Science presented by Jeni Barriett (1341483).

3.15 Princetime. Topical magazine series for the older viewer, presented by David Jacobs and Sheila McClemon (1975919).

3.50 Bassariaman. Animation (r) (4868803) 3.55 Catterpliar Trail.

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6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (551)

5.30 Regional News Magazines (803) Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. With Denzel Washington and Jack Good. Music is provided by the Blessing (s) (6735)

7.30 Tomorrow's World: Topics in this week's edition of the science

7.30 Tomorrow's World: Topics in this week's edition of the science magazine include the controversy surrounding plans to build a dam on a sacred Indian river. (Ceefax) (s) (777)
8.00 Only Foots and Horses . . The Peckham entrepreneur's plans to nurture a yuppie image are scuppered when his latest business deal blows up in his face (r) (261759)
8.50 Points of View presented by Arme Robinson (288209)
8.55 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative perty (270280)

(270280) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceetax) Regional news 9.30 Churchill: To Conquer or to Die.

 CHOICE: Having shoehomed the opening 68 years of Churchil's fite into his first programme, Martin Gilbert now gives equal time to the next three. The period from May 1940 to the victory at El Alamein was the summit of Churchil's career, the finest hour on which his reputation largely rests. One of the more self-effacing presenters, Gilbert is content to marshall the facts and leave the viewer to judge. It is a conventional account with no hint of revisionism, a matter-of-fact narrative perpered with the great rousing Churchillian speeches. Gilbert sometimes gives the impression that Churchill ran Britain single-handed. Other political figures are barely mentioned. But this was probably the popular perception. The film stresses Churchill's tuge impact on national morale. The aristocrat was able to find the common touch, a point conceded even by political opponents such as Barbara Castle. (Ceefax) (s) (60087)



Raising the nation's morale: Winston Churchill (9.30pm)

10.30 Sportanight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Skating: the pairs sportunging introduced by Lesinona Cyrisin. Creating our passe free skating from the European championships in Lausanne. The commentators are Christopher Dean and Barry Davies, Cricket-highlights of the final day's play in the first Test between New Zealand and England at Christopher Footbalk cup action from

200 The Way Ahead. An explanation of April's new benefits for disabled people (f) (8873385). Ends et 2.15

8.00 Breakfast News 8.15 Westminster (5946377) 8.00 Daytime on 2. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (18370648) followed by You and Me (/)

(70712842) (70712342)
2.15 Bitten by the Bug. The third of Professor Erik Holm's series on the insect world (70805006)
2.30 Reviving Antiques. John FitzMaurice Mills with activice on refurbishing scullery items (1026367)
2.35 Country File (r) (2155218)
3.00 News and 'weather (4696319) followed by Westminster Live, introduced by Vivian Write (8492396)
3.50 News, regional news

and weather (8209261)
4.00 Catchword, Game for wordsmiths (716) 4.30 Made by Hand The

skills of paper making (5329795)

4.40 Behind, the ... Headlines. Linda. Agran reviews the new film ... Mississippi Massic and looks at the fate of racially mixed relationships (5436667)

5.10 Horizon: Molecules with Sunglasses. The story of how scientists discovered a third form of carbon that unlocks a new world of chamietry (707342)

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(981209) (981209)
6.50 DEF it begins with Reportage. An investigation into the link between druge and the club scene, presented by Aminatta Forna (s) (546445) 7.30 Replido. Antoine de Caunes reports on Lou Reed, Teerage Fan Club, U2, the Joshua Trio and Les Négresses Vertes (629)
8.00 The Day the World Changed.

The Day the World Changed.

CHOICE: The Scottish poet and playwright Liz Lockhead chooses February 8, 1587 as her day that will five in infamy. As every schoolchild knows, it was when the axe finally fell on the neck of Mary Queen of Scots. Lockhead makes the most of her ten minute slot with a lively, theatrical discourse which, like a jumping cracker, goes off in all directions. She is mainly concerned with the Mary of myth, alternatively bad, saxy, foreign and French or beautiful and brave and played in the movies by Katharine Hepburn. The film is also a portrait of cruel and ugly cousin Eizabeth, played on television by Glanda Jackson. Mary is dead and long live Mary, even if she has been trivialised into a tea towel and a perfume and a brand of shortcake. Lochhead observes that Elizabeth's order to execute was "not the first time nor the last that a women, to preserve her own power, has endorsed misogyny



First nights and famous cases: John Mortimer (8.10pm)

OCHOICE: George Gissing the Victorian novelist envied clerks who went to their offices every morning with a working schedule organised for finem. Not so the poor writer, who starts the day with a blank sheet of paper and has only his imagination to get him through it. Taking up the theme, Daisy Goodwin's film looks at writers who have chosen to have things both ways by combining their literary activities with other jobs. Some of her examples, such as barrister-playwright John Mortimer or novelist-TV producer Melvyn Bragg, are well known. Goodwin also tracks down the poet Peter Reading, who spends his days as a weighbridge operator and Sara Bareril, novelist and jobbing gardener. This is nothing new. Goodwin points out that T.S. Eliot wrote The Waste Land while working at Lloyds Bank and Trollope produced 47 books in his spare hours from the Post Office (861993)

9.00 Film: American Blue Note (1989) starring Peter MacNicol and Charlotte d'Amboise. Off-beat comedy, set in the early 1960s, about the leader of a jazz quintet trying to breek into the big time. Directed by Ratph Toporoff. (Ceefax) (3483)

10.30 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party (547087)

10.35 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow (603532)
11.20 The Late Show. Includes an interview with musician Philip Glass

(398067) 12.00 Behind the Headlines (r) (36323) 12.30am Weather (3775694)

6.00 TV-am (6401822) 9.25 Keynotes. Music game with cash prizes (6278716) 9.55 Thames News (6770342)



Resisting calorie-laden goodies: the Fat Busters team (10.40am)

10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series. Today's edition includes Penny Junor talking to an author about writing technique; emotional counselling from Denise Robertson; and more about Fat Busters, the viewers' slimming club. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by

international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 toworred by national weather (307425).

12.10 Alisorts. Emertainment for the young (s) (9476358).

12.30 News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (5034174). 1.10 Thames News (39671174).

1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (51016087).1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian authors (4) (61076261).

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2.20 Graham Kerr with a low-calorie version of the rich French dessert pears rover (21826323) 2.50 Take the High Road, Drama serial

pears rover (21826323) 2.50 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands (7200367)
3.15 ITN News headlines (4606366) 3.20 Thames News headlines (4603209) 3.25 The Young Doctors (6962648)
3.55 The Dramstone. The first of a new series of fantasy cartoons based on dreams and nightmares (s) (9652613) 4.20 Finders Keepers. Game show (4673735) 4.50 Owl TV presented by Michaela Strachan. Children's wildlife and environment series (4822025) 5.10 Blockbustars (6571822)
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (338261)
5.55 Thames Help presented by Jackie Spreckley (r) (660648)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (919)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (241)
7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel springs a surprise on another unsuspecting worthy (s) (1803)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (483)
8.00 Film: Crocodile Dundee II (1988) sterring Paul Hogan and Linda Koziowski. Sequel to the hugely successful Crocodile Dundee with

the outback hero now living in New York with his girthred and getting involved with a Colombian narcotics boss. Lacks the sharp wit of the original, though Hogan fans will not be disappointed. Directed by John Cornell (2483)

10.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative party

(645025) 10.05 News with Julia Somerville and Fiona Amstrong. (Oracle)

Weather (496071) 10.35 Thames News (273990)

10.45 Thames Sport Special introduced by Nick Owen. Football: highlights from Rumbelows cup replays; Boxing: in Norwich young unbeaten local hero Herbie Hide bids for the WBC international world heavyweight title against the experienced Canadian Conroy Nelson; in Cardiff Nicky Piper fights Frank Eubanks for the right to fight Skugger O'Toole for the British super-middleweight title

12.00 Film: The Legend of the Seven Golden Vampires (1974) Hammer horror meets kung-fu in a silly reworking of the Dracula story in China. Peter Cushing plays Van Helsing and John Forbes-Robertson succeeds Christopher Lee as the vampire. Directed by Roy Ward Baker (597675)

1.40am The Twilight Zone: A Little Peace and Quiet. A distraught

mother yearns for stience - but then regrets it when her wish comes true (4009507) 2.05 Profiles. Jason Donovan talks about his career (8178830)

2.15 America's Top Ten (s) (8253656) 2.40 Videofashion. A look at the fur industry (5078491)
3.10 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition (86084052)
3.40 Stephen King's This is Horror. Britain's finest horror actors

(46685156) 4.10 Along the Cotswold Way. The journey from Tormarton to Horton (r) (73915994) 4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive newsreel from

January 1942 (38151304)
5.00 Witness to Survival. Governor John Connaily of Texas tells how he narrowly escaped death at the assassination of President Kennedy (30269)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (31878). Ends at 6.00

TV CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily (6409464) 9.25 Schools (16231290) 12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Nicholas Owen 12.30 Business Daily..The latest news from the world's financial

centres (77261)

1.00 Sesame Street. Entertaining pre-school learning series. The guest is Randy Travis (72716)

2.00 Film: Shadow of a Doubt (1943, b/w).

• CHOICE: One of Alfred Hitchcock's favourite (and best) films has Joseph Cotten as the genial Uncle Charlie coming to stay with his adoring niece (Teresa Wright) in a quiet Californian town. We know that Charlie is a murderer of rich widows, on the run from the police. The girl doesn't but as the story proceeds she gradually comes to suspect it. Hilchcock shrewdly observed that a film has more tension when the audience is a step ahead of the characters. So it is here. Shadow of a Doubt is beautifully constructed and worked out with immaculate logic. The film was shot in a real Californian town, Santa Rosa, and draws tellingly on the life of a close community. One of the screenwriters was the playwright Thornton Wilder, brought in by Hitchcock because of his talent fo evoking small-town America. Another was Sally Benson, author of Meet Me In St Louis. But the signature is unmistakably Hitchcock's



Under suspicion: Joseph Cotten with Teresa Wright (2.00pm) 4.00 The Survival Factor: Venom. The ways different types of poisonous snakes use their venom and how it is being exploited by

man (r) (see)
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game (s) (396)
5.00 The Oprah Winfray Show. Miss Winfrey faces an audience of precocious prodigies (1805358)
5.55 Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon adventures (r) (851990)
6.00 Kate and Allie. American comedy series starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin as divorcees sharing single parenthood and a Greenwich Village anartment (261) and a Greenwich Village apertment (261)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross. The guests are Craig Ferguson and

7.00 Channel 4 News presented by Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi.
(Teletext) Weather (623613) 7.50 Comment (912193)

8.00 Brookside. More drama from the Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)

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8.30 Travelog. Poet John Hegley cycles across the old border that separated West from East Germany and discovers an old Germany frailer but more fascinating than the new West (4700)
9.00 Dispatches. A report from St Petersburg on the tens of thousands of children living on its streets, a new underclass growing up deprived of family life or parental influence. Official estimates suggest that there are some 10,000 such children in the city, but experts believe the true figure is several times higher (586174)

9.45 He-Play/She Play: The Vacuum, by Nick Herrett. A surreal trip into the file of Colin who is swallowed whole by his vacuum cleaner

into the life of Colin who is swallowed whole by his vacuum cleaner when looking for his cat (323006)

10.00 The Golden Girts. Crackling comedy about four Miami matrons sharing a beach-front home. (Teletaxt) (s) (68025)

10.30 The Secret Cabaret with Simon Drake. Magic, mystery and illusion from Ricky Jay, David Berglass, Frank Abagnale and the dangerous Russian juggling act, Tkach (9532)

11.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. A welcome swift repeat of the topical comedy set in a television newsroom. War breaks out between the two newsreaders (s) (9667)

two newsreaders (s) (9667) 11.30 The 291 Club. More showbiz hopefuls face the critical audience at

the Hackney Empire in London (r) (38613)

12.30am Tonight with Jonathan Ross (r) (s) (92491)

1.00 Dick Spanner. Gerry Anderson's pupper series about a cool private investigator (6026217). Ends at 1.05

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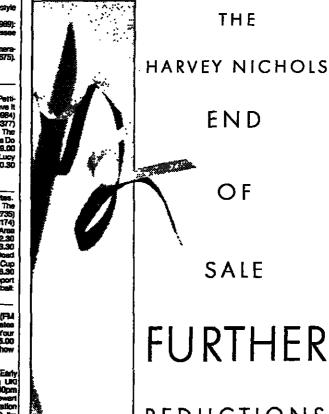
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Consort music by John Jenkins, Thomas Baltzer, Matthew Locke and Henry. 2.00 Record Review CHOICE: Until last week.
Nicholes Kenyon was best known as The Observer's

music critic. But lest Saturday, the same day that Radio 3 put out Saturday Review — today's Record Rawlew is the repeated segment of it that featured Kenyon in the role of critic — the news broke that Radio 3 had a new controller. Overmost Kenyon fast Hadio 3 had a new controller. Overnight, Kenyon had climbed several rungs up the ledder. His youthful voice might lead some to assume that he cannot long be out of his teens, but Radio 3 addicts will know how mature and extensive his musical knowledge is and how long it must have taken to accurie. This attennoon. Kenyon's

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This afternoon, Kenyon's finger is firmly on the Mozerfian pulse (f)
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(Symphony No 39 in G minor);
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in C minor, Op 65) (r)
9.00 What's the Big Idea? Three
Kinds of Lies, Bryan Magee
discusses statistics 9.45 French Song: Anne-Marie Owens, mezzo, Melcolm Martineau, pieno, perform Debusey (La Mer est plus belle: Le Son du cor, L'Echelonnement des haises; Chensons de Bértis); Poulenc (Priez pour paix, Cinq poèmes de Paul Eluard; Quatre

de Paul Eluard; Cuatre poèmes de Guillaume Apolinaire)

10.25 Music in Our Time: Justin Compily with the first of two reports from the 1991 World Music Days in Zorich. Joji Yuasa (Projection); Liza Lim (Voodoo Child); Kornowicz (Warkocz Beranio, Beranice's Tressas); Esdo (And So Trasses); Endo (And So Bécomes the Water); James Clerke (Verstorung)

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10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the Australian novelist Kathy Lette, and marks the fiftieth arriversary of the Gis arrival in Britain, Incl 11.00 News

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• CHOICE: in her follow-up report on Rosie Johnson, seriously brain-demaged in a car accident three years ago, Barbera Myers spends a day in hospital with the one-time violinist and ticks off the signs of progress that make

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looks at reform inside the Roman Catholic church (4 of

South, by Colm Tolbin. Maurean O'Brien reads the first of eight episodes (s) 11.00 Murder Most Foul: Bullets and Ballistics. Nick Ross narrates the second of six true murder

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### **British** workers win German approval

BY RICHARD DUCE

GERMAN businessmen, often noted for super-efficiency, yesterday gave British manufacturing a big vote of confi-dence by declaring the UK their favourite location for foreign investment in Europe and, worldwide, second fav ourite only to the United

A survey of 361 Germanowned firms employing 55,000 people in the UK also further helps to deflate the concept of the strike-happy worker, the so-called "British disease". Good or excellent labour relations were reported by 92 per cent of firms, according to the survey by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

The upbeat survey, recording responses from more than a third of the German-owned companies in Britain, says that German investment over recent years has been nearly £8 billion and that investment of £908 million is expected over the next five years.

Germany seems to have twigged the success of Japanese firms in Britain, the survey coming a week after Nissan announced expansion plans in Tyne and Wear.

One in five firms with a small presence in the UK but with no manufacturing base intends to begin manufacturing, a further investment of £230 million.

The British worker appears as good as, if not better than, his German counterpart. When questioned on productivity, 13 per cent of manufacturing firms said that it was higher in the UK than in Germany, and 55 per cent said it was comparable, with 34 per cent saying it was lower. Most manufacturing firms (81 per cent) report a satisfactory, good or excellent return on investment.

Of the 361 companies, 187 maintain sales offices, 141 are manufacturers and 33 are service companies. Much of German business is concentrated in south-east Engand and West Midlands. Some 39 per cent of the firms surveyed concentrate on making electrical goods. Most employ fewer than 100 people, but 14 firms employ more than 1,000.

The survey is Trends and Views on Direct Investment by German-owned Companies in the UK.



Kept on their toes: Croat troops are put through training exercises at Gospic. 137 miles west of Zagreb. Notebook, page 10

### KGB reveals Gorbachev calls

Continued from page 1 leaders use only special lines. Had he already lost access to

the special network?

Even more curious, is that two hours earlier, Mr Gorbachev had spoken to Mr Yanayev, to Oleg Shenin (a member of the Central Committee secretariat). Valentin Pavlov, then Soviet prime minister, and - twice - to Vladimir Kryuchkov, head of the KGB. What did he talk about with these four coup leaders - and why has he kept these calls secret?

Similarly, in his book Mr Gorbachev describes the appearance of the plotters in Foros on August 18 as a bolt from the blue. In his first interviews he said that four people brought an ultimatum from Moscow, but he named only Valeri Boldin, the chief of his presidential staff. Subtors rose to five, when he added four more names, including the head of the KGB security directorate.

But were these really the people who negotiated with him about imposing a state of emergency? The same KGB register says that at 1.04pm on August 18 a special air-

craft took off from Moscow for Belbek (the airport near Foros). On board were Marshal Dmitri Yazov, then Soviet defence minister, and Mr Kryuchkov. They left again at 7.31pm. What were these top-level people doing in Foros? It is hardly likely that they undertook such a long journey just for three hours of

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Two other key figures re-turned from the Crimea on the same day: Boris Pugo, the Soviet interior minister, landed in Moscow at 1.10pm. and Anatoli Lukyanov, the chairman of the parliament. at 8.10pm. It is remarkable that neither of them crossed paths with Mr Gorbachev -

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or, at least, the former president has said nothing about it. Why? The defence lawyers for the coup plotters have asked for

restrictions to be placed on Mr Gorbachev's movements. arguing that proceedings could be jeopardised if he went abroad suddenly. The reason, it has emerged in Moscow, is that he has "exceptionally important information" about the coup and that his commentary is an essential supplement to the

125 volumes of evidence. Yevgeni Lisov, Russia's deputy procurator and head of the team preparing the case against the plotters, yesterday said that Mr Gorb-

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KGB records of telephone calls made by Ivan

Silayev, the Russian prime minister, on August 20

chev's support"; indeed, this had been the "decisive factor" that led them to initiate the Mr Gorbachev's "long association with this group and certain character traits might

achev was not connected with

the plotters in any way, "di-rectly or indirectly", and so

his movements would not be

restricted. But he noted that

some of the 15 accused "be-

lieved they had Mr Gorba-

have given the plotters the right to believe that sooner or later... they would be able to persuade him to join them". Mr Lisov said. Some plotters say that Mr Gorbachev appeared to offer support for their proposed state of emergency; others say he refused.

The KGB list of government communications shows that the most active coup Between August 19 and 21 he made more than 200 calls on the special telephone links. Least active was Mr Yanayev, who used the phone only on August 21, apparently terrified by the imminent collapse of the coup.

Georgia truce, page 10

A dry, very cold day over much of the country with a good deal

of sunshine in most places. There will be sharp frosts in the

#### **IRA** bomb toll rises to eight

Continued from page 1 eral Democrat leader, yester day urged Mr Major to avoid any horse-trading which could impede the peace pro-cess. He asked: "Will you therefore support a cross-party approach to Northern Ireland affairs during the election and unequivocally reject any partisan trading with the Anglo-Irish agreement in a way that would reverse peace after the next election?

Alternatively here, for Mr Major replied that the Conservatives stood foursquare against terrorism. Then he added, in words which some MPs took as a signal that he was keeping his options open for post-election barrering: "I do not see any

imminent change." Security chiefs who met Mr Major on Monday are undernock . stood not to have pressed for the reintroduction of internment at this stage. Ministers have doubts whether it would succeed without similar measures in the Irish republic.

British policy options and Gay Byrne profile, page 2

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#### Political sketch

#### Learning the art of non-questions quaint feature of our that's something he'd ever

Aparliamentary system is that it permits MPs to ask the government what the government thinks, but not what the Opposition thinks. This is getting up Tory noses.

"In my judgment," said Mr Speaker ... Four hundred MPs sat up and listened. "In my judgment, the election campaign started the day we came back from the Christmas, recess." And that, you see, is why government backbenchers keep trying to ask

about Mr Kinnock Tory MPs do not want to hear about their own record. it's embarrassing. Interest in Conservatism has evaporated. Tories want to discuss Labour policies with ministers during prime time, at public ex-pense and if possible on air.

This breaks the rules. Is that difficult to grasp? Mr Speaker is finding it hard to get across to the Conservative party. He tried explaining to Ian Tay-lor. "The prime minister," he said to the stunned Tory member for Esher, "can only answer for his own responsibilities. He cannot answer for the leader of the Opposition". Taylor's jaw dropped. His question had been about Mr Kinnock's spending plans. He had spent lunch practising it. Now a procedural quick could wreck his moment.

Mr Major did his tactful best. He told Taylor why he wouldn't opt to spend £35 bn extra. As the Speaker keeps repeating he does permit MPs to ask about "options" for government. Shrewder Tories know this. opens a loophole, and Dennis Skinner actually pro-posed (as a Point of Order) that, since the Tories see so keen to ask about Labour policies, the MPs'-week could have two days asking the Tories about their poli-cies, and two asking Labour about theirs?

slower Tories to cut out and keep, is a guide to raising Labour policy in Tory time. Guide for backbenchers (I) Don't mention the Labour party.

(2) Don't mention anyone in the Labour party. (3) Don't even think about mentioning Mr Kin-

(4) Describe the dreadful thing you guess the (sssh) you know who) might do ... (4) Then turn, all innocent-like, to the PM or min-

(5) And ask whether

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(I) Feign shock. (2) Exclaim that that's just the darndest, dumbest, plumb craziest thing you

ever did hear. (3) Give ten reasons why it would lead to the end of civilisation as we know it. (4) Recall that it's official

Labour policy.
(5) Sit down fast before Mr Speaker makes you. Special Guide for Teresa Gorman

(1) Do give up trying to raise serious questions.

We single out Mrs
Gorman because her question to health ministers vesterday was a casualty of the election campaign. Mrs Gorman (C, Billeri-

cay) wanted to know whether British NHS patients could be transferred to hospitals on the Continent. Health Minister Virginia Bottomkey, irritated that there was nothing in this question about the Labour party, thought not Well obtained at very competitive prices in France," said Mrs Gorman. She did not add that gallstone-removals were on special offer in Antwerp, but suggested that where patients were mobile treatment might be arranged abroad. It was an interesting thought.

This was her downfall. Mrs Bottomley had come for election aerobics, not a seminar with Mrs Gorman Hearing France mentioned she pitched into a rant about how French citizens had to pay for health, unlike ours. Dame Jill Knight (C, Edghaston) invited her to agree that our NHS was superior to for-eign ones. Mrs B worked berself up into a patriotic frency, turned to labour, and shricked that their policy was to run down our sterful NHS and demoralise staff. Within seconds we had travelled from Billericay, via France, to Labour's folly. Mrs Gorman, who had actually asked about hip opera-tions, was left on the roadside, spluttering in the dust as Mrs Bottomley's elec-

tion wagon thundered off.
"There's a word for it," said Labour's health spokesman Robin Cook later, "double standards". Some of us count that as two words but to Mr Cook counting is an art, not a science.

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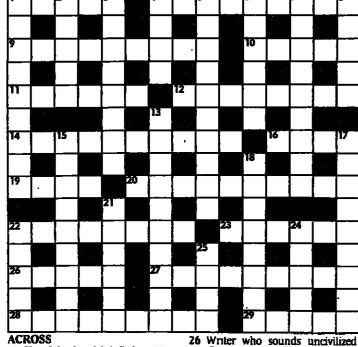
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MATTHEW PARRIS

AND A CONTRACTOR

#### THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,821



1 Knock back a drink fit for a king

- 4 Real chips cooked round here (9). 9 Bob said you spotted the information first (9). 10 Conservative and socialist co-
- alition split up (5). 11 Brewers use it primarily to ensure ale pressures original taste
- 12 For an Indian, it's expensive in France without good English (8). 14 Official residence an igloo? (5,5). 16 Sounding deep to find fish (4). 19 Cart reversing into an enclosed
- 20 Organizes boycott of Dickens character, a disreputable relation 22 Trifle about to incorporate rough

area (4).

mixture, something like custard . . . (8). a mixture of milk, egg and flour you need to beat (6).

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part of the company" I gurgled, "I have been engaged" (4,5). 28 An unknown vessel overrun by

unruly hordes (4,5). 29 Subject other people to extreme pressure (5).

DOWN

1 Straight off (5,4). 2 Sail into port (5).

Remaining in devotee's protection, a small creature (4-4). Turn amused a lot (4). 5 Retire, or else encounter dis-missal (3,3,4).

6 Log — note the amount of wood that's been cut (6). 7 Master a language spoken all

over China (9). 8 In general, it helps being flexible 13 Marine understood a maritime

flag (5.5). 15 Unconventional, like the Baker Street Arabs (9). 17 Speed sure to be altered to

vertake (9). 18 It's up to the cricketer second in to show a little delicacy (8). 21 Record in a book the name of

coat's owner (6). 22 In time, going in the wrong direction, we went off course (5), 24 Haul in a moment (5).

25 Plane perhaps targeted while others are ignored (4). Concise crossword, page 17

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the nguage jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

ALLANETICS Beautiful body building Blood-sucking acarids CLUMBER a. Wood scraps b. A breed of dog c. An amateur mountainees POMFRET A heraldic beast The crest of a horse TIGON

a. A rough cross b. A builder's bracket c. The ancient Greek brassière Answers on page 18

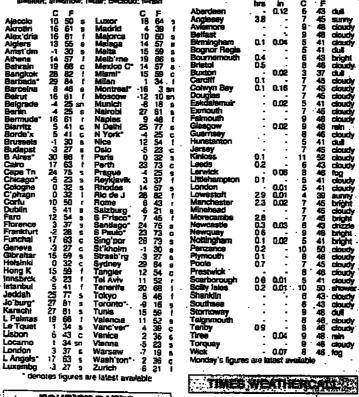
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL





On the Continent a simple, hostile bid for a company is novel. But Helmut Maucher's Nestlé bid for Perrier breaks with this tradition Page 25

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The Co-operative Wholesale Society is about to become bigger in the high streets than the Cooperative Retail Society Page 23



Anna Vinten, joint chairman of The Reject Shop, is looking forward to selling an Addams family hand next Christmas Page 23

**USURY** 

Pakistan has thrown its financial system into disarray by banning all forms of interest on bank accounts Page 23

AGHAST



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Robert Evans has to contend with cuts in market share ordered by the Office of Fair Trading

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RETAIL PRICES RPI: 135.7 December (1987-100):

The remaining shareholders took up 166.364 shares or less than 3 per cent of the total. The only other notifiable Denotes midday trading once shareholders in Tottenham, Tony Berry and Barry Kennedy, did not take up \*\*\*

executive.

Slump in London to continue

### Mixed economic recovery likely for regions

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

est hit by the recession, will have to wait until 1993 for an economic recovery.

Most other regions, how-ever, have probably already started to recover and should be enjoying solid growth by the end of this year. The findings, from the annual regional forecast published this morning by Cambridge Econometrics, will be particularly unwelcome to the government because London and the Midlands contain the highest concentration of marginal parliamentary seats.

The Cambridge economists argue that London's economy will continue to suffer from the after-effects of the Eighties' commercial property boom even after the residen-

LONDON and the West tial housing market recovers Midlands, already hard- and the national economy pulls out of recession. The West Midlands, a region exceptionally dependent on manufacturing, has borne the brunt of the high level of sterling chosen for ERM membership and has also suffered more than other regions from the cyclical degree to the control of the cyclical degree to the control of the cyclical degree to the cycli from the cyclical downturns in car sales and manufacturing investment.

According to the Cam-bridge analysis, London has lost 250,000 jobs since the beginning of the recession and employment will fall a further 170,000 before stabilising around the middle of 1993. The unemployment rate in London, which increased 2.8 percentage pointsin the year to last June, will rise a further 1.8 points to

almost 10 per cent. The West Midlands will

#### Confidence weak among consumers

By PETER VICTOR

THE Nationwide Building most three months before the

CONSUMER confidence re- expect their financial situamains weak, according to a fron to improve over the next Gallup/Business Strategies survey of 6,000 in the final quarter of last year. Consumer expectations were said to have risen slightly, but actual spending remains weaker.

Gordon Heald of Gallup, which carried out the regionegies, a research and information company, said: "Consumer confidence may be levelling off, but at the moment we have no indication of any upturn."

Bridget Rosewell, the managing director of BSL, said: "People seem to have become a little more optimistic. They that spending is still down."

Society has been ordered to

pay compensation to an in-

Stephen Edell, the building

societies ombudsman. It was

the first ruling on obsolete

accounts and the first time he

has issued a statement on a

specific decision identifying

The case, which will open

the way for many more Nat-

ionwide investors and those

from other societies to receive

compensation for lost interest, involved the second larg-

est building society's instant

access Bonus Builder account.

This was superseded by its

CashBuilder account on Sep-

tember 24, 1990. It took al-

MORE than 2,000 small shareholders

in Tottenham Hotspur, a fifth of the

total number of investors, have stumped up an average of about £80, or the cost of entry to ten home games, in support of the company's £7 million rescue

rights issue. And one supporter - Alan

Sugar of Amstrad - is backing the team

with personal funding of £8 million.
The take-up is a tribute to the fanati-

cal support given by the club's supporters in its financial as well as its sporting

affairs. Few other companies could have expected 20 per cent of their sharehold-

ers to support an issue of new shares-priced at 36p above the level at which

they had been suspended for more than

Total acceptances of the 125p rights

issue were 42.4 per cent, but the vast

bulk of this was accounted for by Mr Sugar, the new chairman and largest

shareholder, and Edennote, a company

owned by Terry Venables, the chief

the society.

12 months and expect the economy to improve. In comparison with a year ago, we've got quite a big improvement in consumer sentiment."

Fear of unemployment is still strong in several regions. Only East Anglia and the tion in their concern about unemployment. However, the South-East, which has suffered job losses in service industries, remains relatively depressed. Mrs Rosewell said: "The results suggest that the region has borne the brunt of the recession and

Nationwide told to pay up

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

investor discovered that the

suffer an even steeper rise in unemployment, as its economy is expected to expand only 0.2 per cent this year. The region's jobless rate, which increased 2.4 per cent in 1991, will jump a further 2.1 points to almost 11 per cent.

The UK economy as a whole, by contrast, should grow about 1.3 per cent this year, excluding north sea oil output. The national unemployment rate is predicted to rise 1.6 points to about 9.7 per cent in the year to June.
The strongest regions this
year will be East Anglia, Scot-

land, Northern Ireland and the South-West, with growth of between 1.7 and 2.6 per cent. The South-East apart from Greater London should also enjoy a noticeable recovery, with growth of 1.6 per cent. The contrast between London and the rest of the South-East is explained largely by the impact of the commercial property slump on the London economy.

| Fears that the national economy would only recover

very slowly from the recession received further confirmation vesterday from weak data on bank lending and money supply. Bank and building society lending to the private tor grew only £1.1 billion in December, almost unchanged from the depressed levels of September and Octo-ber. The figures confirmed that £5.5 billion jump in lend-ing in November was a freak figure caused by special fac-tors, as official economists said at the time. December's lending figure was at the bottom of City expectations. The M0 measure of money supply grew 2.8 per cent in the year to December, down from 2.9 per cent in November. Seasonally adjusted money supply grew at an annual rate of 3 per cent, the same as in the previous three months.

### trustees

Peter Cane, who works on the Daily Mirror, has written to the board of MGN pension trustees, demanding details of any advice it has been given on possible legal action against the fund's previous advisers, and on any move it could take against MGN to

replace missing funds. Mr Cane has given the trustees until next week to reply or he will take the matter to the High Court. He is already instructing solicitors to begin action unless the trustees prove they are taking necessary steps to recover

money.
Until November, the pension funds were administered by MGPT, a separate trustee company chaired by Robert Maxwell

MGN pension trustees announced last week that there were wound up, current con-tributors and deferred pensioners would receive nothing. Mr Cane wants the trustees to enforce an employers' solvency guarantee forc-ing MGN to replace the

funds. A dispute is developing over the ownership of some furni-ture in the auction of the contents of Robert Maxwell's

MGN has laid claim to some of the items, while Arthur Andersen, the administrator to the Maxwell private companies, is also expected to claim part of the

the sale of Paul Gascoigne to Lazio falls

through.

Edennote has a 22.1 per cent stake

and Mr Berry, who is also a director, has

about 5 per cent. The total director

holding is only just below the 75 per cent limit imposed by the stock

exchange.
Mr Sugar said he was "surprised and

delighted" by the outcome of the cash call describing the level of take-up as

"particularly high , . . when one consid-

ers that our shareholders are not, in the

main, traditional investors in the

He also exhorted the financial press

to drop the "troubled" or "financially

stricken" tag that it has tended to at-

tach to the Tottenham Hotspur name.

"The rights issue is the last of a series of

measures designed to put Tottenham back into good financial shape. We will now be able to trade like any other

publicly quoted company," Mr Sugar

The rights issue will reduce Totten

ham's debts, which once threatened to

put the company into receivership, to about £5 million. The company is ex-

pected to return to profit this year. The

shares were yesterday trading at an

unchanged 95p.



Profits stacking up again: John von Spreckelsen, chief executive of Budgens. (Photograph: Des Jenson)

### Threat to Maxwell fund

BY NEIL BENNETT

BANKING CORRESPONDENT A JOURNALIST at Mirror Group Newspapers is threatening action against the trus-tees of the pension fund and its advisers in an effort to replace missing funds.

more competition in 1998. At that date, all 22 million

### Littlechild seeks high-tech meters

A CALL to drag the humble electricity meter into the 20th century and take advantage of the new technology now available has come from the industry watchdog charged with safeguarding the consumer, Professor Stephen Littlechild, director general of electricity supply.

"Most meters in use today are based on technology in-troduced over 100 years ago," he said in a consultative docutricity industry to plan for metering and communications systems, before the entire supply market is opened up to

electricity customers will be able to choose a given supplier, including all the domestic consumers now required to buy from their area company. Professor Littlechild said this deadline, and an earlier one in 1994 when the number of customers able to shop around will rise tenfold as the

rules are further relaxed, will

require a "rapid but orderly" change" in meters and the way information is communicated to and from them. Professor Littlechild said:

"Public electricity suppliers should ensure that the communications infrastructure will be in place to accommodate the new technology." Among the potential ad-

vantages to domestic customers identified are remote meter reading, which would estimated bills. a prime source of complaints to the watchdog. Customers could also have a compact instrument on the kitchen wall telling them how much their account is in debit or credit.

Home-owners will soon have the right to buy the meter of their choice by agreement with the supplier. For the electricity companies. two-way communications would allow tokenless prepayment for problem customers and detection of any theft of power by meter tampering.

#### **Budgens** rings up £2.24m

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

BUDGENS, the food retailer in which Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman, has a 23.1 per cent stake, is showing signs of recovery after its £21.7 million rescue rights issue last July.

The new management team headed by John von

Spreckelsen, the chief executive, reported an interim profit of £2.24 million for the six months to November 9, compared with a loss of £33,000

Turnover rose from £144 million to £157 million and there was an exceptional credit of £842,000 for payments from Betta Stores Earnings per share were 1.46p compared with a loss of 0.03p. No interim dividend has been declared and none was declared last time.

Mr von Spreckelsen said gearing had been reduced from 140 per cent before the refinancing to under 40 per cent at present.

MERCURY

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#### vestor who lost interest when ferred her savings. She claimed the difference one savings account was quential communications to were insufficent funds to pay existing pensioners in full, members will by now have registered the fact with the closed to new investors and a new one offering a higher rate between what her investment and that if the pension funds of interest was launched. The award was made by

new account offered a higher rate of interest and transsociety or the ombudsman."

Tottenham nets £8m from a fan

Sugar: "good financial shape"

their rights. Almost all of the institu-

tional shareholders baled out when

Alan Sugar and Terry Venables made

have been underwritten by Mr Sugar and a company controlled by a former

This gives Mr Sugar a 47.8 per cent

stake and takes his total financial com-

mitment to the company to more than

£8 million. Mr Sugar has also undertak-

en to supply a £5 million bridging loan if

The shares that were not taken up

their 75p bid offer last summer.

director of Tottenham.

earned and what it would have earned in the new account between the launch of the new account and December 15 when she transferred her savings. The compensation was about £30. Mr Edell said savers should

be vigilant about their investments but,"the publicity undertaken by the society was not fully adequate to ensure that information about the interest rate on her BonusBuilder account was reasonably accessible to her". Nationwide says it will con-

sider each claim it has already received "on its ments". It does not believe the decision opens the way to new claims. "It is likely that any member who had a concern about that event or conse-

It defended the way the new account launch was handled. saying it was "in accordance with previous commercial practice of the building societies movement as a whole and was consistent with the ombudsman's published annual reports.

Last year Mr Edell said investors should be vigilant but societies should ensure relevant information about all accounts was reasonably accessible.

In a separate case, also involving the Nationwide Building Society. Mr Edell ruled in favour of the society.

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### How I got where I am today

Kyoshi Watano is a board member of Alps, a \$3 billion global electronics firm. He also heads a United Kingdom workforce of over 600 people manufacturing and exporting high technology electronic components to customers throughout Europe. How did he get where he is today? He successfully developed his manufacturing operations in a city with the most advanced telecommunications in Britain. Where European markets are easily reached by rail, air and sea. And where 25 million people live within a 2 hour drive. If you would like to join him, ring Bob Hill, Commercial Director Milton Keynes Development Corporation, on (0908) 692692.

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### Co-op seeks to expand through mergers

the Co-operative Bank and

CIS, the insurance arm, is set to become the movement's

biggest retailer via two mer-

gers. One is with the £380-

million annual sales Greater

Nottingham Co-operative Society, the third-largest independent Co-op retailer. The other involves the £56-mil-

lion-sales Cumbrian society. Current turnover at CWS is more than £3 billion a year.

The mergers would take it as a retailer ahead of CRS, like

CWS, based in Manchester, but with a big national spread of retailing. CRS accounts for just over a fifth of

all Co-op retailing; the merg-ers would give CWS just over

26 per cent.
The Co-op seldom cairles the attention of City analysis

who concentrate on quoted companies. J Sainsbury and

Tesco. Stores are the clear

leaders, and then at about the

same level in market share

are Asda, Argyll with Safeway and Isosceles with Gateway.

Asda, under its new manage

ment, promises to intensify

competition in both food and

non-food sectors just as

Sainsbury and Tesco have

The Co-op, made up of 65 independent retail societies,

has about the same share of

the grocery market — rather more than 10 per cent — as Asda. Argyll and Isosceles. Of the total food market the Coop has been holding on to 7.5 per cent share and of retail

trade as a whole 4.4 per cent.

is Sir Dennis Landau, moved

into retailing by taking over most Co-op operations in Scotland and then those in

greater London south of the

Thames, as well as key North-

Most recently it merged

with the North Eastern soci-

ety, one of the biggest region-al societies, breaking new ground by leaving the North

Eastern with a big measure of

The deal was mastermind-

ed by David Skinner, who

takes over from Sir Dennis

when he retires in June. Mr

Skinner is currently CWS

deputy chief executive in

charge of retailing and ser-

vices, and his coming eleva-

tion has been taken as a signal that CWS will become

an even bigger force in Co-op

The merger with Cumbria,

due next month, will give

CWS coast to coast trading in

the north of England, with

the Cumbria society finan-

The Nottingham society

whose chief executive is Frank

Doherty, approached CWS

about a merger on the lines of

the North Eastern deal, That

deal, which could go through

in March, would leave the

Nomingham board and its

management team, includ-

ing Mr Doherry, in place.

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CWS, whose chief executive

been paring some prices.

AS GROCERY market leaders face up for what might become a price war, the disparate retailing network of the Co-op is about to strengthen its hand through

merger.
The Co-Operative Wholesale Society (CWS), the financial powerhouse of the Co-op, whose subsidiaries include

#### ICI and Ferro call off talks

TALKS to create a \$200 million joint venture in industrial powder coating between ICI and the American manufacturer Ferro Corporation have been called off. The two parties failed to agree on the composition of the manage ment team and on financial resources for the venture.

Both companies said yes-terday that the discussions which started in August -had been discontinued. ICI would have had a 51 per cent stake in the venture, which would have had total sales of \$200 million a year.

The proposed link-up had been a logical one, given that both Ferro and ICT's Glidden paints business were head-quartered in Cleveland, Ohio. An ICI spokeswoman said:
"We are disappointed but still looking for further opportunities. It's a market that we still want to pursue with vigour, and we want a global rosition."

It is thought that Ferro was unhappy at having to cede operational and strategic control to ICI, despite the British company's proposed

majority stake. The decision to abandon IL IO DE other businesses about its powder coating operation, a process that is used to provide protective cover for a range of industrial products.

#### Ross buys clock firms

ROSS Group, the fast-growing consumer electronics and specialist packaging com-bine estimates that it will control more than 10 per cent of the UK clocks market after completing two acquisitions worth £810,000.

Ross is buying Steven Strauss, distributor of Ingersoll, Estyma and President clocks, from Zeon for a maximum of E540,000, subject to final stock valuations. Zeon's warehouse in north London is not part of the deal.

Ross will integrate the clock distribution operation, which last year generated sales of 22.3 million, with its existing clock business in

Ross has also acquired the assets of Metamec Clocks and Lighting from the company's administrative receivers for £270,000 in cash. Metamec. which manufacturers clocks under the Metamec, St James' Clock Company and Gloucester Clock brands, had sales last year of £2.9 million. Production of Metamec clocks has been resumed at East Dereham, Norfolk

#### **Borland** shares fall

SHARES in Borland International, which more than doubled in value last year, fell 350p to £37.50 after the American computer software company reported net profits of \$6.83 million in the third quarter, down from a restated 7.54 million. Last year's comparable fig-

ures have been adjusted following the \$430 million merger with loss-making rival Ashton-Tate, which was announced in July. Thirdquarter earnings were unchanged at 28 cents a share. while turnover fell 6.6 per cent to \$114.58 million.

Results for the three months to the end of December included a restructuring charge of \$6 million and a tax benefit of \$7 million, both

associated with the merger. The results leave a net loss of \$83.52 million for the nine months to the end of December, compared with a net profit of \$2.04 million the previous year. There was an operating joss of \$103.75 million, against a profit of \$3.17 million

and the second



Hard times: Anna Vinton and Anthony Hawser, of The Reject Shop, yesterday

#### Central Motor drives ahead

By MARTIN BARROW

SHARES in Central Motor Auctions rose 18p to 122p on news of a 13.4 per cent rise in trend in the depressed motor retailing sector.

In the 12 months to the end of October, the company, which claims to be the largest independent motor vehicle auction group in Europe,

THE Royal Bank of Scotland

has launched a banking char-

ter designed to be tailor-made

to suit the needs of each of its

The charter was welcomed

by small business pressure

groups, who say Royal Bank

has gone furthest of any bank

trying to meet their demands.

Stan Mendham, the Fo-

rum of Private Business chief

executive, said the Royal

Bank code came close to a

contractual agreement that

the forum had sought. "We-

small business customers.

raised pre-tax profits from £1.8 million to £2.1 million. The improvement followed a 14.8 per cent increase in

auction proceeds, from million, at CMA's seven centres. There was a 6 per cent rise in sales of cars and light vans and an increase in sales of heavy commercial vehicles. Redevelopment of site in London and Glasgow and the

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tail charges and provide con-

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the company easy access to

the manager who handles the

account. The Royal Bank has

Under the initiative, each of

package."

near Leeds, helped cut costs and overheads from \$10.53 million to £9.58 million.

Capital expenditure of £15 years has resulted in net borrowings of £1.5 million and gearing of 10.5 per cent after exhausting CMA's cash balances, which were boosted in February 1990 via a £3 million rights issue.

also promised it will only

withdraw overdraft facilities

"in exceptional circum-

stances", even though it has

the right to recover all over-

will introduce pre-notifica-

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ducts any charges from their

accounts. The scheme will be

put into practice by the end of

In return for these new

services, the Royal Bank is

Like others, the Royal Bank

drafts on demand.

Royal Bank charter wins approval

BY NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

#### The Reject Shop feels rejected

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

ANTHONY Hawser, joint chairman of The Reject Shop with Anna Vinton, feels the trading situation cannot be worse than last year. The recession was exacerbated by the increase in value added tax in the spring, rises in the uniform business rate and the fire bombing of one of its busiest London shops in November.

Even the worldwide boom in the popularity of trolls, the Reject Shop's best selling line this Christmas, did little to dispel the gloom. Even so, Mr Hawser expects the group's full-year results to be satisfactory, despite its first-half loss.

The pre-tax loss in the six months to end-September was £587,000 against a loss of £301,000. Turnover was 58.9 million, down from 59.17 million, and the inter-est charge was £190,000 against £157,000. The loss per share was 3.97p compared with a loss of 2.1p and the interim dividend has been maintained at 1.05p.

Mr Hawser said the interim results were in line with expectations. Like-for-like sales, excluding VAT, fell 16 per cent in the first half. In response, the group imple-mented rigorous control of costs and margins.

Christmas trade was disappointing, but sales since the beginning of October, while erratic, have improved. Mr Hawser said that people tend to buy fewer gimmicks towards the end of a recession.

Central London, where the group has five of its 25 shops. was particularly quiet. The Tottenham Court Road store was fire-bombed on November 30. The damage was extensive and the group says it is unlikely that the store will open again during the current financial year.

The extra costs of the uniform business rate were £100,000 in the first half. Stock has been reduced and total borrowings at Decem-ber 23 were £374,000. against £1.56 million. The group expects to open a further five stores this year.

Mr Hawser believes that 1992 will be a tough year for the group but he expects it to be better than 1991. The final quarter of last year was one of the worst the group has suffered. The shares on the Unlisted Securities Market fell 2p to 62p.

asking for accurate financial

information from all of its

customers. Newer and more

heavily indebted customers

are being asked to supply

monthly accounts, while less

risky businesses need only

provide annual reports and

Royal Bank's code had scored

82 per cent in the FPB's

survey of the small business

codes. The next highest were

Bank of Scotland, National

Westminster and Midland

Mr Mendham said the

forecasts.

#### BUSINESS ROUND UP

### United Technologies to cut 14,000 jobs

UNITED Technologies, the American conglomerate that owns a significant slice of Westland Helicopters and competes with Rolls-Royce in aero engines, yesterday announced a \$1 billion loss and almost 14,000 job curs worldwide. One in eight white collar jobs and almost one in 14 factory jobs will go in a 16 per cent reduction of the group's manufacturing capacity. About 100 facilities will

United Technologies estimates the action will save \$1.1 billion by 1994. On Wall Street, the shares dropped \$1 to \$54.50. Reorganisation costs of \$1.275 billion pushed United just over \$1 billion into the red, compared with a \$750 million profit last year. Sales were 2 per cent down at

#### Willis Corroon buy

WILLIS Corroon, the insurance broker, has bought an initial 55 per cent stake in Willis Faber Gothia, a Swedish business, for an unspecified cash payment, part of which is deferred to 1995. Private individuals own the rest of the company, which is based in Gothenburg. Willis Corroon said the company's 1991 operating revenue was Kr3 million (£290,000). Willis Corroon has options to increase its stake in the company, based on a profit-related formula, but it gave no details.

Birse pegs dividend

BIRSE Group, the construction, engineering and property company, has maintained its interim dividend at 1.65p. despite a 62 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £1.8 million for the six months to end October. Although the dividend was barely covered by earnings, the company said the decision was justified by its confidence in its prospects, assuming trading conditions improve. The company has changed its accounting policy on interest capitalisation. In future, interest costs will be written off as incurred.

#### Holographics cuts loss

APPLIED Holographics, which has not made a profit since it joined the Unlisted Securities Market in 1984, reduced its losses from £1.3 million to £681,394 in the six months to the end of September. Losses per share fell from 8.7p to 4.5p. There is again no dividend. David Mahony, chairman, restated his view that shareholders should take "a medium-term view" of the company's prospects. Turnover was virtually unchanged at £2.46 million, but last year's figure included £392,595 from discontinued operations.

#### Jurys expects recovery

JURYS Hotel Group, the hotel chain based in Dublin, said improved trading in recent months should produce a recovery in revenue over the second half of the current financial year. In the six months to the end of October, pre-tax profits fell from It2.59 million (£2.4 million) to It2.07 million and earnings per share from 9.89p to 7.31p. The interim dividend is held at 2p a share. Turnover was Irt.14.65 million against Irt.14.17 million in the first half of

### Oil prices fall further SAUDI Arabia's move to reduce its oil output by a symbolic

100,000 barrels per day — out of total production of 8.5 million bpd — failed to revive oil prices yesterday. The widely traded March Brent fell 21 cents to \$17.80 a barrel, amid concern that a concerted campaign by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to curtail production was doomed without more substantial support from Saudi, the cartel's largest oil producer. Venezuela, Libya, Nigeria, Algeria, Iran and Oatar have already pledged similar outs.

#### Celltech halves losses

CELLTECH Group, the privately owned biotechnology company, has more than halved pre-tax losses from £12.5 million to £6.6 million for the year to end-September and has confirmed that it intends to float its shares on the stock market. Turnover fell from £19.9 million to £17 million. The biologics division, which comprises the company's manufacturing and trading operations, increased its contribution to operating profit from £0.35 million to £0.5 million. Capital investment during the period was £0.9 million.

#### Gillette challenged

THE European Commission has sent a "statement of objections" to Gillette about the razor maker's takeover of Wilkinson Sword in 1990 and is now discussing possible solutions with the firm, a commission spokesman said. But he would not elaborate on what had sparked intervention by the commission, the main corporate watchdog for deals

#### C&G lowers its rates

THE Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society cut its mortgage rate for new borrowers by three quarters of a percentage point to 9.75 per cent yesterday. The society's base mortgage rate for existing borrowers will fall to 10.75 per cent on April 1.

### BP sells Egyptian oil assets

BRITISH Petroleum has agreed to sell its Egyptian oil production assets for \$125 million, continuing the big disposal programme that is intended to strengthen its balance sheet. BP announced yesterday that Repsol, of Spain, had

agreed to buy its Egyptian assets, comprising 33.3 per cent stakes in two concessions, Gulf of Suez East and Gulf of Suez West Net production attribut-

able to BP is 15,000 barrels per day. The other one-third

partners are Deminex, the operator, and Shell. The sale. which is subject to the approval of the Egyptian gov-ernment, does not include BP Exploration's 25 per cent in-terest in the El Qar gas project, which is still under development. The Egyptian sale contin-ues BP's extensive asset dising levels, while expenditure on exploration and development in so-called frontier areas gathers pace. BP, which has gearing of

about 70 per cent, principally because of the 1989 buy-in of part of the Kuwaiti government's shareholding, raised about \$650 million by selling its American onshore interests. Smaller disposals included the £40 million sale of a posal programme, which is aimed at containing borrowstake in the North Sea's Vic-

#### L&M writes off £17m

By Sara McConnell LONDON and Manchester

Group, the insurance company, announced yesterday that it had made bad debt provisions of £17 million against its existing commercial loan book. The group has stopped

making commercial mortgage advances and is sourcing residential loans through third parties. John Thomson, chairman

of London and Manchester. said the deep and continuing recession had pushed down

the perceived values of commercial property and reduced the ability of borrowers to sustain the cash flow to meet overheads.

The group expects the

1991 final dividend to be maintained at 9.144p and a 2 per cent increase in the total dividend to 13.572p. As with other insurers,

however, single-premium life and pensions business at London and Manchester was up last year, by 66 per cent to

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### Islam rules out bank interest in Pakistan

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN IN KARACHI

A RULING from Pakistan's federal Sharia (Islamic law) court banning all forms of interest being paid or charged by banks and financial institutions has thrown the country's financial system into disarray.

The judges said the Koran prohibits riba (interest) and have directed the government to abolish all interestbased banking and financial systems by June 30. They also declared all govern-ment-sponsored saying bonds to be against Koranic tenets. The government is bound to implement the judgment unless it is overruled by the Supreme Court.

Senior bankers fear a col-

lapse of the country's econo-

my and financial systems if the ruling is implemented. They contend that banks and other financial institutions would have no choice but to close as they cannot be expected to give money without any return.

Ahson Rizvi, a senior law professor, said: "If the government goes by the judg-ment, it takes the risk of going bankrupt literally overnight. The government will not be able to obtain any loans from local and foreign sources and would have to default on repayment of existing loans."

Mian Nawaz Sharif, the

Sharif: Sharia pledge fundamentalist backlash if he ignores the court's ruling or even challenges it in the Supreme Court Qazi Husprime minister, who has sain Ahmed, chief of pledged to enforce Sharia, Jamaat-I-Islami, an imporruns the risk of an Islamic

Islamic Democratic Alliance, has said that his party would quit the coalition if the government insisted on continuing with interestbased financial systems. The cabinet is divided on the issue. Maulana Abdus

Sattar Khan Niazi, the minister for religious affairs. said the government would abide by the court's ruling and abolish interest within the stipulated time. However, Sardar Asif

Ahmad Ali, the minister for economic planning, has said that there does not exist any alternate Islamic banking system and banning of the interest would be disastrous for the economy. He said: "Not only will the

internal banking system col-

countries and financial institutions will stop lending to Pakistan." Officials said more than

E3 billion has been invested in various government saving schemes and another £600 million in prize bonds. Abolition of interest would lead to widespread withdrawal of the funds. "This will result in the collapse of the entire financial system," a senior banker said.

Despite threats from the Islamic fundamentalists, Muslim Commercial Bank, which was recently privatised, has filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against the judgment. Observers believe that it will be difficult for the Supreme Court to reverse the ruling.

### DAEJAN HOLDINGS

1991 INTERIM STATEMENT

	6 months to 30.9.91 £'000	6 months to 30 9 90 £ 000
Rent and Service Charges less Property Outgoings	6,937	6,656
Surplus on Sales of Properties and Other Income	5,697	4.802
·	12,634	11,458
Financing Charges and Other Expenses	3,864	3,185
Group Profit before Tax Less Taxation Minority Interests	8,770 3,053 19	8,273 3,005 13
Profit for the Hall Year	£5,698	£5,255
Earnings Per Share	34.96p	32 24p

Earnings Per Share Included in surplus on Sales of Properties is an amount of £937,000 (1990 - 5868,000), being prior year revaluation surpluses from realised in spite of the increase in profits for the first half year, due to stackness in residential sales, the level of profess for the full year may not reach fluste of last year. An Interim Dividend of 120 per share (1991 - 8p) will be paid on 16 March 1992 to shareholders registered on 14 Fobruary 1992. This Dividend will absorb £1 956,000 (1991 - £1,304,000). The Directors current infertion is to maintain the overall Dividend for the full year at last year's level and the increase in the Interina Dividend has been made in order to equalize the Interim and Final Dividends.

WALL STREET

opened slightly lower in the

second consecutive day of the

market's consolidation after

last week's record-setting ad-

vance. The Dow Jones indus-

trial average feli 10.03 points

☐ **Hong Kong** — Prices rebounded in the last half hour

on strong overseas buying. The Hang Seng index closed

11.74 points up at 4,522.21

- a record for the second

to 3.244.

consecutive day.

Dow opens with

fall of 10 points

#### US plant creates **238** jobs

More than 200 jobs are being created at a £1.3 million factory being built by an American company. The DSC Corporation of Delaware has already recruited 50 staff of the 238 it will need at Rom Data Corporation, its desktop publishing operation, in Falmouth, Cornwall.

The development of all DSC's operations would be together on one site in Falmouth, which last month had nearly 2,000 people out of

#### Sheriff cuts

Sheriff Holdings is cutting its total dividend for the year to September 30 from 5.1p to 1.5p. Pre-tax profits fell from £1.08 million to £312,000. Sheriff has acquired some assets of Abelson Plant for £1.55 million cash.

#### Bank's chief

Sir David Nickson has been appointed chairman of Clydesdale Bank and a director of National Australia

#### Blagden deal Blagden Industries has acquired Alpha Safety and Solway Safety Products for a

maximum of £1.33 million. Kalamazoo buy Kalamazoo is buying the business forms operation of

NK Interface from Nu-Kote

#### Group for £1 million. Apollo warns

Apollo Metals reported that trading conditions in the first quarter, to December 31. remained extremely difficult.

MAJOR CHANGES

Liberty Life

STOCK MARKET

### **UBS** forecast and Wall Street help to depress share prices

UBS Phillips & Drew is becoming increasingly bearish about the economic, political and market prospects for this year. The broker created a stir among the fund managers by reducing its forecast for the FT-SE 100 index at the halfway stage under a Conserva-

tive government from 3,000 to 2,800 and from 2,600 to 2,500 under Labour. UBS's year-end predictions of 3.000 under the Conservatives and 2,700 under Labour are unchanged for the time being. P&D has been unhappy

about the recovery prospects for the economy for sometime and is now expected to make alterations to its projection of economic growth. The move by P&D will increase the marker's nervousness. Dealers in London have been bracing themselves for a sharp correction on Wall Street this week. The general view is that the Dow Jones industrial average has risen too far. too fast.

A number of investors were short of stock in anticipation of a correction, but the bears found themselves squeezed after another creditable performance overnight in New York. A program trade saw some large lines of stock come on offer. This, combined with P&D's gloomy view of prospects, erased a near 17-point rise in the index. The FT-SE 100 index closed 1.5 down at

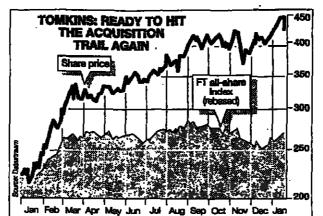
2.543.4 with turnover reaching 619 million shares. Government securities suffered falls of almost £12 at the longer end as the Treasury began auctioning £1.8 billion of Treasury 94 per cent. 2002.

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Despite the market's generally lacklustre performance. the speculators were pinning their hopes on a bid for one of the top 100 companies soon. Heading the list is Midland Bank, up 3p at 232p on a turnover of almost 4 million shares, where the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation already has 15 per cent. The speculators are talking about an offer from BAT Industries, down 5p at 638p. Blue Circle Industries, un-

changed at 259p, is also on the takeover list. Blue Circle was the subject of an abortive dawn raid a few years ago. Market talk has always maintained that the buyer was Hanson, down 3p at 211p.

Tomkins, the acquisitive industrial conglomerate, seems to have lost some of its appeal after last week's better than expected half-year figures, that showed pre-tax profits 40 per cent up at £43.7 million. The price lost 10p at 435p. Dealers believe that Greg Hutchings, the chairman, with £70 million in the bank, is ready to hit the acquisition trail. Talk in the Square Mile suggests that Tomkins



nay soon make an offer for Glynwed, the struggling engineering group capitalised at £439 million. Glynwed, Ip lighter at 215p, is considered vulnerable with 1991 pre-tax profits set to plunge from £70.3 million to £24 million.

Egyptian production operation to Repsol for \$125 million. News of the Saudi Arabian production cutbacks lifted Enterprise 6p to 454p and Goal Petroleum 4p to 60p. Budgens, the supermarket chain, rose 3p to 38p after

Vistec, the computer systems and services group, was unchanged at lop in the Unlisted Securities Market. Bikuben-Whitefriars, a Wolverhampton broker, is urging clients to buy and take advantage of the benefits beginning to accrue from the group's reorganisation. Bob Morton, the chairman, recently increased his holding to 20 per cent.

ker, began recommending the shares. BP firmed 1 2p to

returning to the black at the halfway stage. There was selective support for the other supermarket chains with Argyll adding 2p to 302p, Iceland 2p to 440p, William

ley, which is fighting off a £600 million bid from Redland, climbed 7p to 384p. Steetley expects the merger of its building products business with those of Tarmac's to result in annual savings of £10 million. Redland jumped 10p to 487p, while Tarmac firmed 1p to 128p. The strug-gle for Steetley also turned the spotlight on Evered Bardon. the aggregates and building products group, where the price improved 3p to 76p.

making a two-day rise of 8p. ICI eased 4p to £12.45 after talks with the American Ferro Corporation about a joint venture broke off. The banks were unable to

establish any real trend with prices closing mixed before next month's dividend season. There were gains for National Westminster 3p to 288p, Royal Bank of Scotland ip to 172p but losses were recorded in Bank of Scotland lp to 114p, Bardays lp to 392p and Lloyds

2p to 402p.
Abbey National shrugged off this week's downgrading by UBS Phillips & Drew with a rise of 3p to 293p. UBS has cut its 1992 pre-tax profit estimate by £60 million to £635 million and its dividend forecast from 11.75p to

MICHAEL CLARK

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293p after the sale of its Low 17p to 274p, and J

#### TEMPUS ....

### Doubts cloud renaissance at Budgens

THE new management team at Budgens, headed by John von Spreckelsen, the chief executive, have earned themselves some plaudits in the short term by turning around a business that had been underperforming badly for some time.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to November 9. including an exceptional credit of £842,000, were £2.24 mil-Closing Prices..Page 27 lion, compared with a loss of £33,000. Turnover rose 9 per cent to £150 million and the RECENT ISSUES trading profit was £3.26 miltion, up from £2.32 million in the comparable period.

1.46p, compared with a loss of 0.03p. No interim divinone was declared last time. Margins have improved

from 1.62 per cent to 2.08 per cent. The basic problems of the business have been addressed and the accounting standards have improved

The second-half recovery will look equally dramatic. While the rise in sales is unlikely to continue at the 4 per cent rate seen on a like-

for-like basis in the first half, the group only managed to make £635,000 in trading profits in the second half last

The full-year loss, including £11.8 million of exceptional items, was £14.7 million, a figure upon which Mr von Spreckelsen will find it hard not to improve.

But there are still doubts about Budgens' future in the longer term. The group is recovering from an extremely question mark over the long term sustainable growth of a niche business based in the South East which is facing intense competition from much larger and stronger players.

Assuming profits of £3 million, excluding exceptionals, for the full year, the shares up 3p at 38p, are trading on 23.7 times earnings.

doubts about the business, the shares are overrated. John D Wood

JOHN D Wood, the

upmarket estate agency

Pope: no interim

chain, pleased the market this time last year with profits of £200,000, combined with the prospect of a recovery in the property mar-ket later in 1991. That recovery, of course, never came and this time the company is £194,000 and has axed the

interim payout.
Much of the turnround can be attributed to bad debts and redundancy costs as well as one-off factors, such as the opening of an office in Wimbledon. The company

was also hit by a sharp 27 per cent fall in interim downturn in the country and pre-tax profits is a quirk of agricultural activities. Impressively, the core London residential estate

agency business continued to trade profitably. However, the truth is that, as George Pope, the joint chairman, acknowledges, there is no discernible reason why 1992 should be any better than 1991. A recent increase in first-time buver interest has been reported but there have

Losses before tax for the full year will be about £400,000 and a dividend is most unlikely before 1993. Any pick-up in the London the performance of the group as a whole. The shares held steady at 33p, but it is too early to buy.

Matthew Clark MATTHEW Clark's 27.1 per cent rise in net earnings on a

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accounting. The drinks group bought out the remaining 48.1 per cent stake in JE Mather in December 1990 for £12.2 million cash and thus no longer has a minorities

charge.
So, while pre-tax profits for the half year ended October slipped from £3 million to £2.2 million, reflecting tougher trading, net earn-12.9p to 16.4p, from which an interim dividend of 6.5p is declared (5.75p).

The cash pile, standing at swelled by a £3 million deproperty market will clearly feed quickly through to the bottom line, but the country and agricultural sector may lag behind, dragging down the conformance of the market by 2 in million with the country and agricultural sector may lag behind, dragging down a takeover deal at Christmas, which is the conformance of th which it thought was in its hand, but it is not dispirited. There is the prospect of another sizeable acquisition in the wings.

> completed a rationalisation programme that involved various disposals.

# MONEY WARKETS Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 90.7 (day's range 90.6-90.7).



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REPORT: Cocoa futures ended lower in thin trade as stronger sterling against the dollar, coupled with trade selling, put prices under pressure. London raw sugar prices were mainly firmer in late afternoon on a steadier New York market. Robusta coffee futures ended mixed with stronger sterling against the dollar pushing sterling prices down. LONDON FOX MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION Fisons 330 27 37 48 1 8½ 13 (\*357) 360 2 21 32 3 21 26 Series FebMay Aug FebMay Aug Eastrn Elic 200 29 35 39 2 4 (7221) 230 6 16 - 12 15 LONDON MEAT FUTURES Live Pig (flat) Clase 109 3 Mar .... 110.5

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### Lloyd's damage limitation

ontroversy over the Rowland report into financing Lloyd's, fuelled again in The Times letters page today, has understandably centred on the one section of the report's recommendations firmly rejected by the insurance market's ruling council. By making its stand over the issue of how Lloyd's should be governed, the council has settled on shaky ground. Lloyd's ought really to have been included in the Financial Services Act of 1986, as The Times argued at the time. Lloyd's would then have been forced to separate control and development of the market from regulation of practitioners, as the Stock Exchange has to the benefit of both. Lloyd's was excluded from the FSA parity for legal reasons, since the status of underwriting names is not the same as that of investors, and partly because Lloyd's was in the throes of another staute-based reform package. But this principle of the financial services laws would be equally suitable for Lloyd's.

Were it not for the council's firm opposition, governance would by no means be seen as the most important issue raised by the Rowland report. Increased rights for names on the lines of those available to company shareholders, as recommended by the report, are overdue. Its proposals for unitisation of investment in Lloyd's and an eventual secondary market in syndicate participations would do much to improve the position of names by increasing flexibility. Indeed, the secondary market should be given high priority, not be put to one side for three

In the long run, however, the most fundamental implication of the Rowland report is that Lloyd's devotion to unlimited liability seems doomed. Capping individual losses by an excess loss pool is a modest short-term palliative, though comforing for prospective names who may fear truly ruinous losses. The proposal that limited liability companies should be allowed to join underwriting syndicates, albeit with safeguards, will surely lead to much bigger changes. Lloyd's wants to base its investment appeal on wealthy individuals but it fears that may not yield enough capital in the long run. That fear may prove self-fulfilling. The market would then change fundamentally, but keeping London's preeminence as an insurance market is, in the end, more important than the tradition of unlimited liability, in which, unlike some more recent traditions, Lloyd's can take genuine pride.

#### Smoke signals

hareholders were ignored by the competition authorities when they coerced British Gas authorities when they coerced prints of as into agreeing to cut its share of the industrial gas market from 90 per cent to 40 per cent by 1995. There is, however, no reason why British Gas should ignore the effect on shareholders. Stephen Turner, oil analyst at Smith New Court, has come up with one intriguing suggestion. Instead of ceding business, British Gas might hive off one or more companies controlling the threatened 50 per cent share of the industrial market and either give them to shareholders or sell them to new investors for their benefit.

Mr Turner recommends a series of such companies: each starting with a modest stake in the market, supply contracts and freedom to compete with its former parent. That sounds too complex, though distributing the shares among 2.2 million British Gas investors would do wonders for deeper share ownership. Robert Evans, chairman of British Gas, does not plan to run this idea up the corporate flagpole. If not, he should recall his pre-Christmas musings about creating more shareholder value and come up with something better.

### Pouring British sense of fair play into continental takeover tactics

The battle for Perrier involving Nestlé and the Agnelli family

highlights a flawed bidding system, says Wolfgang Münchau

he most extraordinary aspect of Nestle's takeover bid for Perrier, the French mineral water company, is not the bid itself but the circumstances in which it arose.

The FFr13.5 billion bid, which is supported by Indosuez, the merchant banking unit of Cie de Suez, is a refreshing alternative to the normally secretive, indirect and compli-cated ways in which takeovers in France are normally conducted. This is not least because Nestle and Indosuez have taken the unusual step of making a straightforward cash bid for 100 per cent of Perner's

capital.
Such straightforwardness has never been the norm anywhere on the Continent. While Anglo-Saxons are generally bemused at continental backwoodsmanship in financial matters, the concept of a simple hostile foreign bid for the whole of a company's share capital is novel for the continentals.

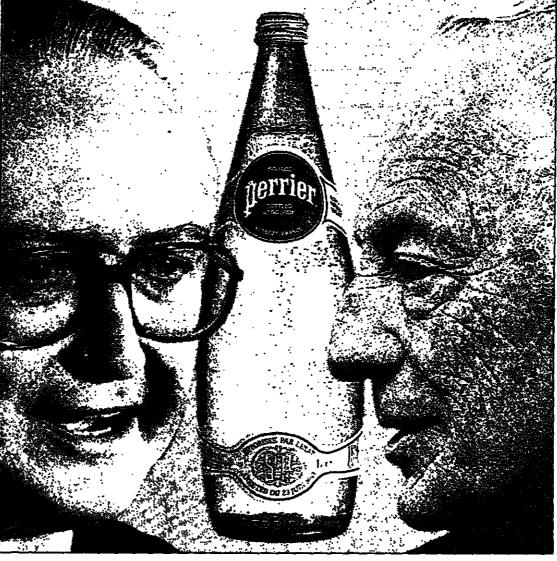
Nestle's bid is a response to the extraordinary tactics employed by Gianni Agnelli, president of Fiat and head of one of Italy's most powerful families, which has also set eyes on Perrier and the wider French food and drinks business.

However, those tactics, ingenious though they may have seemed, have backfired, thanks largely to unforeseen opposition by the Conseil des Bourses de Valeurs (CBV), the French stock market regulator. Instead of bidding for Perrier, the Agnellis chose to bid for Exor, a company whose main asset is a minority stake in Perrier. The Agnellis had overlooked, however. the CBV's preliminary judgment that Exor and a group of supporting shareholders might constitute a concert party. That raised the prospect of Exor having to bid for two thirds of Perrier, a situation the Agnellis had hoped to avoid at all costs.

Nestle thus entered the battle with its Fr1,475 a share offer. While Nestle's bid beats anything the Agnellis have put on offer by a wide margin, analysts point out that even at that price. Perrier is valued rather modestly, a thought that reflects the audacity of the Agnelli's original approach.

Nestle's move may not mark the end of the game in the Perrier saga. and a counterbid, possibly from the Agnellis, could still emerge. However, Nestlé appears to have made all the right moves so far, most notably when it agreed to sell Perrier's Volvic mineral water brand to BSN, the food and drinks group. The latter should go a long way to satisfying the European Commission that a Nestlé takeover is not in breach of European competition rules.
The circumstances surrounding

Nestle's bid for Perner and the



Bursting the bid bubble: Gianni Agnelli (right) faces Helmut Maucher in the battle for Perrier

issues the bid has exposed constitute one of the more visible signs of a slow shift in the attitudes of European regulators and governments. However, the case is only the latest of a number of examples of that change, which is characterised by pressure on convergence towards best practice".

Optimists hope that the outcome of such convergence will bring con-ditions on the Continent much clos-

> 'On the Continent, the process for gaining control of a company has been indirect'

er to takeover and merger regulations in Britain. Even if their hopes come to fruition, the process will be a long and laborious one.

On the Continent, takeovers are rarely simple. Be they German banks, French state-owned conglomerates or Italian dynasties, the process of gaining control has tended to be indirect. The Agnellis bid for Exor is almost a classic textbook case. The takeover attempt often works through minority stakes in a company, which in turn owns a minority stake in the eventual target. A few more share transactions, coupled with support by "friendly' shareholders, with whom the bidder frequently liaises in other business sectors, finally ensure effective

The size of the individual deals are

often so small that they go largely unnoticed by the public and the press. The beauty of the system, from the bidder's point of view, is that one can wrest control of another company without paying the full price. The problem is that somebody else will have to stump up the difference, and that unfortunate paymaster is usually the minority arenoider. It is only when powe ful banks are cast in that sorry role that pressure for a fairer system emerges. Such was the case with Indosuez, a minority shareholder in

There exists a misconception in Britain that overregulation if the reason one cannot launch a hostile bid for a German or French company. On the contrary, the real reason lies in the absense of the kind of strict rules that exist in Britain. The two most important set of such rules concern share classification

and bid triggering levels.

The classification of shares into voting and non-voting certificates is the financial market equivalent of

apartheid. One of the most absurd cases recently was that of Philips, the Dutch consumer electronics conglomerate, which had almost 300 million shares, but of which only ten

carried voting rights. Another absurdity is the right of management to refuse to register shares, as was the case with Azchener und Münchener Beteiligungs AG, a German insur-ance company. When Assurances

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Générales de France bought a stake of just over 25 per cent in AMB. AMB's management simply refused to register those shares, effectively disenfranchising a shareholder on the grounds that its intentions may be hostile.

When, in 1989, Nestlé launched a controversial, and eventually successful bid for the Rowntree Mackintosh chocolate company in York, Nestle was criticised for operating different classes of shares, on the grounds that it was protected

Rowntree was not. Helmut Maucher, president of Nestle, then defended the share apartheid sys-tem by pointing out that shareholders were free to choose between either type of shares. After all, nonvoting shares were cheaper.

The other important regulatory issue concerns the threshold for compulsory bids. Britain has strict rules. France introduced its own rather less strict rules in 1989. In Britain, a shareholding of 30 per cent or more automatically triggers a takeover bid for the whole of the target company. The aim is simply to prevent bidders from gaining simple majority control of their target, leaving minority shareholders lingering on with no say over company policy.

Trance operates a two-stage system, under which a stake of more than 33.3 per cent triggers a bid for two thirds of the shares, while a stake of just over 50 per cent would trigger a bid for the whole company. While this system is better than regulatory chaos, it affords only limited protection for minority shareholders in the sense that predators can comfortably sit on a 66.6 per cent stake, or pursue a more indirect route.

The Agnelli family, through I fint, a family holding based in Luxembourg, employed a dual tactic in its effort to win control of Perrier. By exceeding the first bid threshold in its effort to control Exor, Ifint first launched the obligatory bid for two thirds of Exor shares, but subsequently decided to be more generous by bidding for the whole of Exor.

One might suspect, however, that the aim of such generosity was merely to avoid having to bid for Perrier. Exor owns less than 30 per cent of Perrier, but the CBV held out the prospect of Exor being part of a concert party with a joint stake of 49.3 per cent. Apart from Exor, this grouping, which includes two subsidiaries of Societé Genérale, with a joint 6.8 per cent stake, and Saint Louis, a paper and packing group that recently bought 13.82 per cent of Pernier.

Underlining the concert party theory is the fact that the Agnellis, this time through another Luxembourg holding, recently bought a substantial minority stake in Saint

A senior British banker in Paris. highly critical of the way the market for corporate control operates in France, sees some signs of a shift in attitudes.

He said: "If the pressure comes, then it will probably come from the regulators, and there is at present an international competition to find the best regulator. The signs may be shifting, but the big bad barons are still firmly entrenched in the

So the best hope for change lies with market regulators, such as the CBV, and governments.

If Nestle's bid succeeds, the French market just might begin to get used to two novel ideas: that shareholders could gain financially from a takeover bid and that the bidder might come from abroad.

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### THE TIMES CITY DIARY

#### CSFB stirs up the pot A SHAKE-UP is in progress

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at CSFB, the securities trading arm of Credit Suisse, which has been keeping quiet after some high level depar-tures last year. Talk in City watering holes is that Patrick de Gentile-Williams, managing director of CSFB (UK), the European equity arm, is on the brink of leaving the firm, barely six months after he was poached from James Capel. A top earner at Capel where, in five years, he ran continental European options market-making and set up a highly profitable division in Paris, joined CSFB to fill a hole left after Nigel Pilkington walked out as head of UK equity sales. A CSFB spokesman admitted yesterday that de Gentile-Williams is considering leaving and that a "reorganisation" is planned for the UK division. "He has not been fired, he has not resigned, but he is considering some other options internally as well as externally," he adds cryptically. Other CSFB losses last year included Richard Briance who had been running the gilts and equities

#### Driving on

NISSAN Motor (GB) is sparing no expense on its UK relaunch in the wake of the split with Octav Bomar. Last week, the German who introduced Japanese cars to Britain in the Sixties, was ordered to remove Nissan logos from his 150 dealerships. To mark the fresh start, his Japanese foes are hosting a gala dinner for 100 guests at Hays Galleria, on the Thames, on



Botnar: split with Nissan

February 6. But the invitations chosen for the occasion may cause eyebrows to be raised. They take the form of two pieces of perspex that slot together and cost at least £1 to produce and almost as much again to post, according to industry experts. But with the event costing about £20,000, why stint on non-bio degradable invitations?

THE DHSS has been reborn ... in a manner of speaking. Thomas Cook, the travel agency, has formed its own DHSS department. But it has nothing to do with the Department of Health and Social Services, as the renamed DSS used to be called. Thomas Cook's acronym stands for Dirty, Hot and Sweats Spots - a package that specialises in trips to Egypt, India, Africa and the Far East.

Change of stripe FASHIONABLE City men be warned: broad stripes are out; soft, more subtle stripes are in. So says Alex Finch, chairman of Hilditch & Key, the shirtmaker, who has seen all manner of City types pass

through his Jermyn Street showroom. "Deckchair jobs are a no-go at the moment, says Finch, who should know what he is talking about, selling £1.5 million of shirts in St James's in a good year, but admits sales are down - especially for £100 a piece tailormade items. Perhaps this is why he has teamed up with the Savoy group of hotels to launch a special offer that may encourage much needed sales all round. Spend a weekend for two at the Savoy, Claridge's or others in London for £237.50 each and two H&K shirts - worth up to £120 between them - will

Mining Moore AFTER filling out member-ship forms for the past two years, Nick Moore, one of the City's more lively commodities analysis, has made it to the top of the pile. Moore, who works for Ord Minnett, the stockbroking arm of Westpac, the Australian bank, has been appointed chairman of the Association of Mining Analysis, taking over from Rob Davies of Lehman International The AMA, which caters for fund managers and bankers as well as analysis, holds regular meetings with speakers from Anglo American, RTZ and others in the mining camp. "I have spent the last two years filling out forms as AMA secretary," says Moore, dubbed "Jack" by colleagues for his penchant for Tennessee whiskey. He joined Ord in September 1987, fortuitously

ahead of Black Monday. He

hands the pen on to Lindsey

Falconer of CSFB.

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#### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Local benefit principal factor in trust port result

From the Chairman, Tees & Hanlepool Port Authority Sir, Mr J.P. Hackney (Plea on trust port assets, January 16) makes the rather pathetic suggestion that nine non-executive directors of the Tees & Hartiepool Port Authority were swayed by the sugges-tion that one of them might receive a seat on the successful bidder's board.

More significantly, he repeats the "big lie" that employee ownership was the government's prime objective in the privatisation of the

as agreed with government, was the principal factor in our consideration of the competing bids and it was with real sadness that we recognised the relative deficiencies in the plans put forward by the

THPA Consortium.

trust ports. I confirm that local benefit

It is with yet greater sad-

real damage to the Teesside port, its employees, and the local community through its unwillingness to take defeat honourably.

> J.H. PEART, Chairman, Tees & Harriepool Port Authority, Queens Square, Middlesbrough.

Cleveland.

#### Shareholders' key is action not words

From Mr Geoffrey Mills Sir, So the Granada institutional shareholders (January 15) yet again "express con-cern" about yet another bumper payoff to yet another fired chief executive. And then they complain that there's nothing they can

In fact, as the shareholders can write the company's articles, can choose a more productive kind of non-executive, can fire directors "before" rather than "after", and can decide not to approve the

directors' service contracts in

the first place, they have plenry of courses to follow. We have had 10-12 years of institutional shareholders complaining about executive excesses, without any effective action of any kind.

It's now time for them to either belt up and accept their supine status, or to exercise the wit and the will to actually "do" something about it. Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY MILLS. 43 Whetstone Close, Edgbasson.

#### Checking sums for the Listening Bank

From Mr J.B. Rolt Sir, Conversation with the 'Listening Bank": "I think you told me that our account charges were based on xp per entry less a credit for any balance?"

That is correct." "Our most recent charge appears to be based on x plus 32p per entry without credit After consulting a file and using a pocket calculator: "I

am afraid there has been a

£65." To which I respond: "Is it then up to me to check your arithmetic?

'Yes — the calculations are not done here and I am afraid it is impossible for us to do the checking. But thank you for drawing this error to my anention. Yours faithfully,

J.B. ROLT (Partner). The Bookshelf. 17 High Street, Budleigh Salterton,

#### With due respect

Consortium leaders threaten

From Mrs R. Livermore Sir, It was interesting to read what Michael Jordan said about Coopers & Lybrand and how everybody is on first

name terms (January 4).

When I worked for Cooper Brothers, as it was then 30 years ago, we called all the partners and managers Mr. I worked for the tax partner. I was 23 and knew nothing of high finance etc. but found the work very interesting, although I left after three-and-a-

half years. Since then, I have realised I must have been working for a man who was a genius in his field. If I was still working for him. with hindsight, not only would I call him Mr but I would bow, on going into his room.

I think Michael Jordan is quite right, we might all be equal nowadays, so they say. but I still think credit should be given where it is due. Let's face it, how many would want the responsibilities of the man at the top let alone be able to do his job. I have worked with quite a few men who had very responsible jobs but I have never called them by their Christian names but then, I am old-fashioned! Yours faithfully,

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### Banking analysts fear lower rating at Credit Suisse

BY KAREN WOOLFSON

BANKING analysts are worried that Credit Suisse is about to lose its triple A credit rating, the highest awarded. Such a downgrading would be its first and could harm Switzerland's image as a safe

haven for funds.

The top three Swiss banks, Credit Suisse, Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation, have always enjoyed a triple A rating. The same applies to only two other banks in the world: Deutsche Bank, of Germany, and Rabobank, of The Nether-

Moody's Investors Service, the American rating agency, is close to completing a review of long-term deposit ratings of Credit Suisse and Credit Suisse Financial Products, its British subsidiary.

John Kriz, the head of Moody's team working on Credit Suisse in New York, said: "We're coming towards the end of the review. ('ve no idea what the final decision will be."

Patrick Winbury, his colleague in London, also confirmed talks were being held with Credit Suisse.

The Swiss bank was put on Moody's watchlist last October, after CS Holdings, its parent, suffered a slump in net profits from Swir861 million in 1989 to Fr193 million in 1980. Net profits also fell

at Credit Suisse and the dividend was cut.

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Moody's review focuses on

two main areas. First. Mr Kriz said there has been a "loan build up in recent years." which can result in a deterioration of asset quality. He added: "Credit Suisse is exposed to real estate — they have a good deal of money in it — so the issue becomes one of lost content of the roorfolio"

Jim Hyde, a banking analyst at Williams de Broë, said that of the outstanding Fr56.7 billion lent by Credit Suisse, Fr1.5 billion was lent to the depressed construction and real estate sectors. Fr1.6 billion was also lent to the transport, catering and hotel businesses. Mr Hyde said: "While not inordinately high, this exposure could result in some hundreds of millions of Swiss francs in new provisions in 1991 and beyond."

Second, Moody's is concerned about the bank's longterm position in an increasingly competitive environment. Secrecy laws, a strong Swiss franc, low inflation and political stability have attracted large numbers of wealthy people to Swiss banks for portfolio management in the past, but these advantages are being eroded.

Banks are moving towards

openness, with Credit Suisse leading the way in 1989 by publishing consolidated statements for the first time. Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corporation followed suit.

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Moody's has also considered events since the review began last October, notably the exposure of Credit Suisse to the collapse of the Maxwell empire. However, Mr Hyde forecasts that even if there are provisions made for this loss, the Swiss bank will reveal a 51 per cent upturn in net profits to Fr810 million for

Mr Hyde said: "Moody's reaction was one year too late. Credit Suisse has the weakest capital ratio of the big three, but I believe its problems can be overcome."

The Standard & Poor's and IBCA Banking Analysis ratings agencies agree. David Andrews, director of IBCA, said: "Our view is that Credit Suisse is not any worse of than the other Swiss banks and I don't share the long-term pessimism on Swiss banks." His only real worry is the length of the "mini-recession" in Switzerland.

A spokesman from one of the ratings agencies said: "It seems that Moody's decision will be announced next week. I think it will be a lower rating."

### Steetley defends merge plan



Cost savings: David Donne, Steetley chairman

By MARTIN WALLER

STEETLEY, the building products group under a takeover threat from Redland, its rival, has defended the proposed merger of materials interests with Tannac, saying the cost savings will return the business to the sort of profit margins enjoyed in the 1988 and 1989 boom years for building.

1989 boom years for building. The Redland bid has put Allied Building Materials, the joint venture, on ice until the outcome is known. Shareholders in both Steetley, chaired by David Donne, and Tarmac have been told that as well as offering up to £10 million of cost savings per year, the joint venture would by the mid-Nineties exceed the 24 per cent pro forma operating margins achieved in 1988 and 1989, when the two businesses had a combined £250 million turnover.

Such margins could be achieved "even without a return to peak market conditions of the late 1980s," a circular says. "With its strong market positions, Allied's turnover is expected to make a robust recovery. Allied's high operational gearing will maximise the profit from any increase in turnover."

The joint venture would mean the closure of 14 plants and the diversion of their production to more modern facilities. Redland has attacked the link-up as favouring Tarmac at the expense of Steedey.

Steetley.

Robert Napier, the Redland chief executive, returned to the attack after the latest circular. "It is surprising that they should believe that it would enhance Steetley's case to include a letter from Tarmac," he said. "Of course Tarmac is in favour of the joint venture — it benefits Tarmac at Steetley's expense."

### Tokyo brokers fight market fall

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

JAPAN'S big four brokers have decided to establish a working group to discuss measures to reverse the Tokyo stock marker's slide, a spokesman at Nomura Securities

The decision came at a meeting of the directors of the trading departments of Nomura, Daiwa Securities, Nikko Securities and Yamaichi Securities held yesterday.

The directors confirmed that the market is in its worst slump since the 1965 "stock depression", and decided to establish the working group, the Nomura spokesman said. The market suffered a two-

year-long depression in 1964 and 1965 which resulted in many brokerages closing and Yamaichi having to be rescued by financial authorities.

The marker's Nikkei average fell 55.52 points or 0.27 per cent to 20,858.30 yesterday, and just 636.44 points

off its October 1990 low.

The Nomura spokesman said no further details of yesterday's meeting were available, but brokers said the meeting discussed six measures to help the market out of its slump.

These are increased attractiveness of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone shares, which are held by many individuals, increased disclosure of details of futures trading; setting daily price fluctuation limits on options trade; finding a buyer of last resort for shares being sold by investment trusts, allowing companies to buy their own shares and allow-

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Other brokers said that some of the proposals would require difficult legal changes or do more harm than good, and added that the days when the Big Four could single-handedly support the market were over.

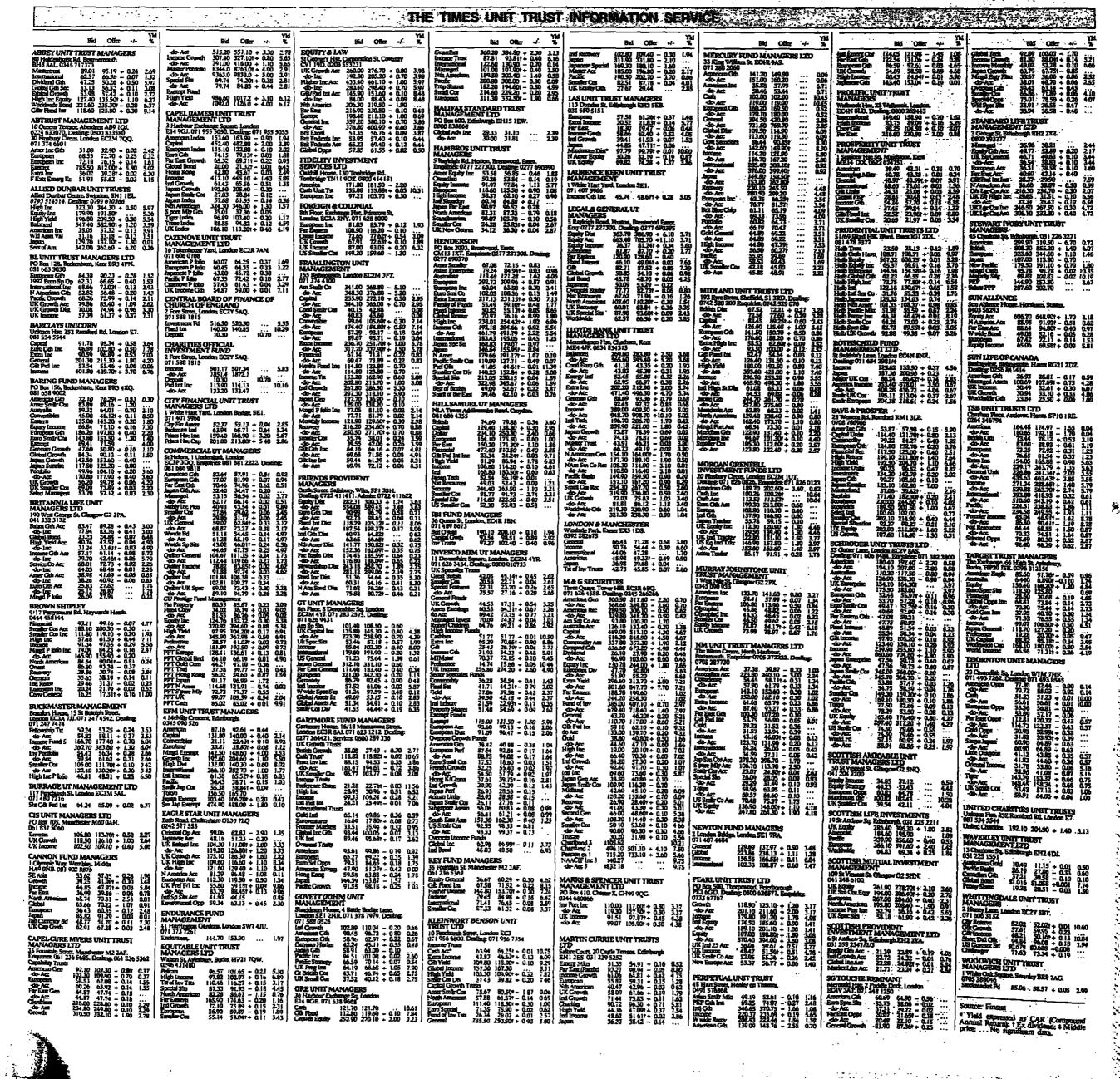
### Cantors slumps at half time

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

PRE-TAX prefits at Cantors, the retail farmiture group, tumbled from £1.45 million to £206,000 in the six months to October 26. Turnover fell from £30.2 million to £24.7 million. Interest costs were £142,000, compared with an interest gain of £79,000 last year, Earnings per share fell from 6.89p to 0.98p and the interim dividend is held at 1p on both the voting ordinary and non-voting A shares.

Harold Cantor, chairman, said the recession was exacerbated by the increase in VAT, which the group had to absorb to a large extent within its margins.

He said trading had improved in the third quarter but was still difficult and it was "inevitable" that the outcome for the full year would show a marked reduction on last year's profitability.

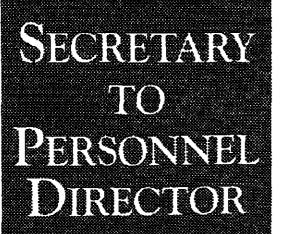


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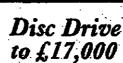
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Last January, Britain was in the grip of recession. Some companies were not recruiting; in others, secretaries were being made redundant. Particularly badly hit there the financial media and were the financial, media and property sectors. Advice to wouldbe job hunters was, generally, "stay put".

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cut back enough, **Beryl Dixon writes** 

According to Lillian Bennett, the chairman of Manpower, there will be an increase in opportunities for those with "pan-European" skills not merely knowledge of lan-guages, but awareness of cultural and commercial differences.

The worse affected areas are temporary recruitment and senior posts. Nowhere does the make-doand-manage approach apply more than in filling gaps with temporary staff. Remaining employees have been expected to do more. There have not been many vacancies at senior level. Given this fairly gloomy recruitment picture, senior secretaries are not finding it easy to move up to become a personal assistant. This in turn, has a knock-on effect downwards to second and third jobbers. The vacancies that exist are mainly at junior level.

Jane Taylor who manages Manpower's branch in Queen Victoria Street, London, handles a great deal of City business. She feels that the number- of financial sector vacancies will start to increase in the second and third quarters of

approaching when companies will have to recruit again.

Ms Taylor says: "The large companies have made redundancies or imposed recruitment freezes, so much so that they will find it almost impossible to manage if anyone leaves. Not that there are great signs of movement. Personal assistants and secretaries who are employed in this area do not move too readily and give up their perks and benefits — but there is already some movement in small companies. They have to replace staff who go.'

The majority of the clients of Grosvenor Bureau, based in the West End of London, are small companies, many in the media. Clare Campbell-Lamerton, a consultant at Grosvenor, says that most replace staff as they leave.

They don't have sufficient numbers of staff to ask each one to do 10 to 15 per cent extra work. So we kept going even in the lean times." She does think, however, that things generally are on the mend. if slowly. "Advertising was in a bad way of course, last year. We have had several new clients since the summer, though, and public rela-tions is definitely picking up. In no sense are we back to the boom times of 1988-90, but even property - surprisingly - is coming up with some openings."

Ms Campbell-Lamerton says: anyone looking for a move? First, as last year, to proceed with caution, not even considering res-ignation without the offer of

out obligation.
"We welcome people to come in for a chat and look over the market," says Ms Taylor. "I would certainly advise the approach of 'I am thinking about What then is the advice to

another job. It is a good idea to

visit one or more agencies and get

an overview of the situation, with-

changing my job. Can you help that companies are reconsidering me? rather than, 'I need a job immediately.' Then, choose agencies carefully. Some specialise. If you are looking for work in a certain sector, talking to someone who knows that particular market well is to be

recommended. It is not all bad out there. Even some senior and temporary jobs are filtering back on to the market. A number of agencies are finding

taking temps for limited periods. These are often, apparently, short notice decisions. Managers are telephoning agencies on Monday mornings with immediate requirements rather than giving a few days warning. Temps looking for work right now must be very flexible and adaptable - and

preferably within permanent reach of a telephone. What about senior jobs? On January 6. Ms Campbell-Lamerton took on a new client: a news broadcasting agency looking for a personal assistant to the head of the news department (the job is 30 per cent secretarial, 70 per cent administration) at a salary of approximately £18,000. The qualifications required were good, fast typing, basic shorthand, relevant (media) experience, and the vacancy was open to those aged more than 25.



Optimism: Jane Taylor (standing), of Manpower, and colleagues (from left) Parrey Amiri, Jo Henman and Rachel Webb

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### The rules that reign in Spain

New laws will affect British owners of Spanish properties. Diana Wildman advises how to cope with the changes

panish legislation that needs to be adhered to by British owners of holiday homes comes into force this year. First, a fiscal representative, a lawyer, accountant, financial adviser or registered local estate-agent, should be appointed to liaise with the authorities, for the owner, on all financial and taxation matters.

Jill Newman-Rogers, of Finan-cial Consultancy Services SL, a firm of accountants and lawyers at Fuengirola on the Costa del Sol; says that the first step is to obtain an NIE (fiscal identity number), without which a fiscal representative cannot deal with taxation matters. The NIE can be obtained from the local police.

She continues: Advise your chosen representative immediately if you have any unpaid years on your wealth tax liability so that a return can be prepared as soon as possible. A photocopy of a recent rate bill (contribucion urbana) will assist in calculating the tax liability. Bear in mind that since the start of this year all property sales involving a non-resident as vendor have been subject to special treatment.

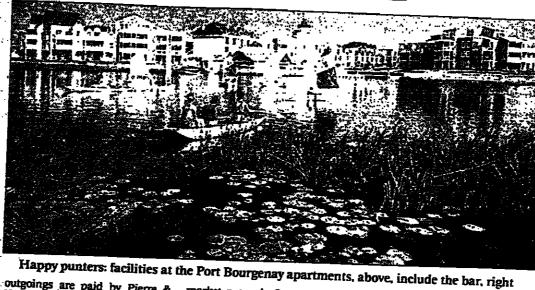
'The purchaser must retain 10 per cent of the declared sale price and remit the monies to the hacienda (local town hall). The gain will be assessed, the tax collected, and the balance returned to the vendor."

Pierre & Vacances, a French leisure home development com-pany, which has 40 schemes throughout France, recently ac-quired a 5.6 per cent stake in the 4,000-acre Sotogrande estate on the south coast of Spain, and plans are being made to introduce a version of the sale and leaseback scheme that Pierre & Vacances has used to great effect in France during the past decade.

John de Layland Berry, the marketing manager of Soto-grande SA, hopes this will give a boost to sales, particularly within the marina, where more than 80 apartments have stood unsold for up to two years. At present, a twobedroom flat costs about f144,000. Under a sale and leaseback scheme, this figure could be reduced by up to 30 per

In France, the system works as follows: A buyer acquires the freehold for between 25 and 30 per cent of the outright purchase price and has the use of the home for six weeks every year for 11 years, after which the owner has

full year-round use. During the 11 years, all annual



outgoings are paid by Pierre & Vacances. The reduction percentage is calculated by deducting the years of estimated net rental and a full VAT refund from the asking price.

Sotogrande has a wealth of leisure facilities, including golf, tennis, windsurfing, riding, polo, and two beach clubs. The large marina has a good selection of shops, restaurants, bars and a

Mr de Leyland Berry says that at a time when the recession seems to be continuing throughout Europe, the idea of buying now, with no annual expenditure for more than decade, seems attractive. He adds: "Pierre & Vacances plans to

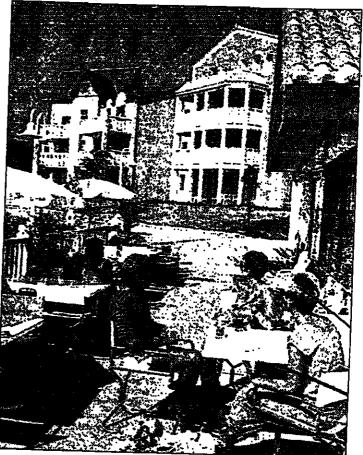
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Pierre & Vacances is offering two-bedroom apartments, with terraces overlooking the golf course at Port Bourgenay by the Atlantic, at between £52,500 and £73,000 for outright purchase, and from £37,800 to £46,900 for the sale and leaseback scheme.

Andrew Saxby, a chartered surveyor and director of Best Gapp, a London agent, has formed a link with Immobilier de Labarre, a local French agency, which has offices in the hill village of La Garde-Freinet, ten miles into the foothills from St Tropez on the

Cote d'Azur, as well as in St Tropez itself. Mr Saxby says that the significant fall in prices on resale property in this area of Provence has brought numbers of properties within reach of a new range of potential buyers.

Best Gapp's portfolio of proper-ties includes village houses converted and unconverted from £64,000, an old mill that has been converted to a four-bedroom home set in four acres for £180,000, and a three-bedorom house with five acres of land. including a small guest cottage for £140,000. A two-bedroom village house in La Garde-Freinet itself, with a colonnaded balcony, has a price of £130,000.



The company also sells building plots, from £45,000 for a rural site to £120,000 for a big block near the new golf course at Ste Maxime. Mr Saxby says that Best Gapp can design, obtain planning permission, build and furnish a home to an owner's specification.

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### The City keeps watch

cities is increasingly a threat to London's position as the leading financial centre in Europe, St Quintin, a chartered surveyor, says in a report on the office markets in London. Paris and Frankfurt.

London is still the pre-eminent European financial centre, ranking with New York and Tokyo as one of the three main global financial markets, and maintaining strong advantages over its chief competitors. Paris and Frankfurt, in the size and diversity of its markets, its pool of expertise and the role of English as a business language.

As other centres are modernised and liberalised, the challenge will grow, potentially drawing some foreign bond and equity trading back to their home markets. Paris and Frankfurt are more likely than London to benefit from European integration and the development of the eastern European economies, but threats to London's position have been exaggerated, whether or not Britain becomes a full member of the European Monetary Union, the report con-

Prepared by Peter Damesick, St Quintin's research director, it suggests that among London's leading rivals, Frankfurt, home of Europe's most powerful central bank, the Bundesbank, will benefit from the long-term strength of the German economy and the

opening-up of eastern Europe. Frankfurt, though, also has its competitors, because the decision to reinstate Berlin as the capital of the united Germany signals the re-

#### London faces a tough battle if it is to remain the commercial centre of the new Europe. Christopher Warman reports

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emergence of a main European metropolis, with implications for other principal Germany cities

over the longer term. Outside Germany. Vienna can also be expected to benefit from its historic links with eastern Europe and may form an important conduit for western investment in eastern regeneration. Other European developments will have an impact on particular centres. Brussels will experience growth.

for example, strongly linked to its role as the political hub of the European Community. Every additional member of the community creates increased demand for office space in

Office markets in the three centres are at different stages of their

respective cycles as they battle against the effects of recession. London took an early and severe downturn, but the report suggests that with the development pipeline drying up, rental values may reach their lowest

As prime rents have fallen, the Paris market has weakened significantly over the past year. while Frankfurt looks to have peaked as the German economy

faces a monetary squeeze. Short to medium-term pros-

pects for these centres depend heavily on a turnround in the international economy, in which cheaper money will be a critical factor. Oversupply in London will persist for some time, although it will increasingly be concentrated in the older office stock.

London, meanwhile, has plenty of good quality space at very competitive prices, in terms of net rents, compared with Paris and Frankfurt. Most new development in Paris is outside the

prime central area. which still has a short-Most of the age of modern space. markets have Frankfurt is a much smaller market with less speculative development, but there will be either stalled some improvement in supply over the next

year or two. Long-term prospects for the office markets in the three centres are closely linked to their evolving roles as competing international financial cen-

Another report on the European property market, by Knight Frank Rudey, likens the markets to sprinters who, having raced through the late 1980s on the back of strong economic growth. "are now winded and have had to pause for breath. Some centres such as the City of London and Paris, which "pushed" themselves take somewhat longer to recover their equilibrium.'

Most of the markets, with the notable exception of Brussels and Berlin, have seen the rate of rental growth either stalled or, as in London and Stockholm, falling.

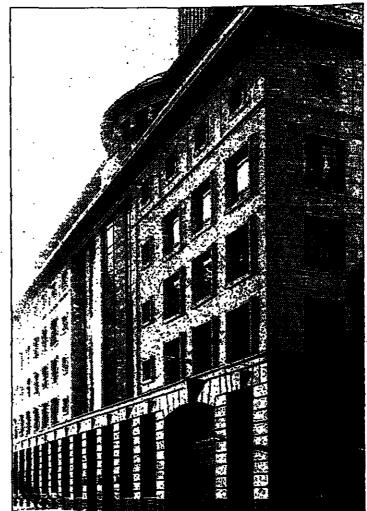
The report notes a theme throughout Europe. Rising supply in the out-of-town markets is raising fears that demand could be attracted away from the central business districts to these new locations, where high specification space will become available at rental levels below those in the urban centres.

At the same time, landlords are increasingly having to offer a wide range of inducements and incentives to entice tenants into their properties, and taken together. these factors indicate a clear shift in the balance of the relationship between landlords and tenants.

night Frank & Rutley argues that though the slowdown in market activity has been caused mainly by a downturn in national economic growth rates, it has been compounded by the "hangover" from adverse external factors such as the Gulf war and the withdrawal of Swedish and Japanese

investors earlier last year.

The agency adds: "The slow-down is, however, likely to be only temporary as, following a period of consolidation, growth can be expected to resume in line with the European-wide improvement in economic performance which is forecast for the early years of the



The site of the former Hambros Bank headquarters at Bishopsgate, in the shadow of the NatWest Tower, and opposite a listed building, provided a challenge for the architects, Fitzroy Robinson Partnership. They were given the task of designing a landmark development for Kumagai Gumi UK Ltd in association with Ranelagh Developments. The Long Term Credit Bank of Japan has taken about half of the 200,000 sq ft building, and Jones Lang Wootton is offering the remaining space on the upper floors in units from 6,000 sq ft.

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☐ The Society of Property Research has launched a survey research ras administed a survey of foreign organisations located in central London. It asks about the factors influencing property decision-making, particularly on the choice between London and other cities, in order to determine when it executed orders against who will occupy London's vacant offices. The new research would provide the beginnings of a database for a better understanding of the market.

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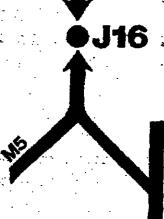
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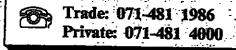
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### Prosecutions may threaten Tideway tradition

ROWING CORRESPONDENT

ROWERS who use the Tideway have been told that they will be prosecuted by the Port of London Authority (PLA) if they fail to comply

with international regula-

tions concerning the star-

board hand, keep right, rule. The news has shocked one of the country's main rowing centres and the organisers of the Watney Sculls have already decided to cancel this year's race on March 1. Gary Painter. chairman of the race, says that his committee "is not willing to have the event's safety record compromised

which is dangerous to oarsmen and other river users".

Historically, anyone rowing against the tide above Putney Bridge would take the shortest route, keeping to the Surrey shore from Putney to Chiswick Steps before crossing to follow the Middlesex bank through to Chiswick Bridge.

Concern about the strict application of rules follows the Marchioness disaster and a further incident when a rowing eight was washed aground, where the boat broke up as a result of a

Proceedings against the master of the vessel were dismissed since the crew was following the accepted rowboard hand rule.

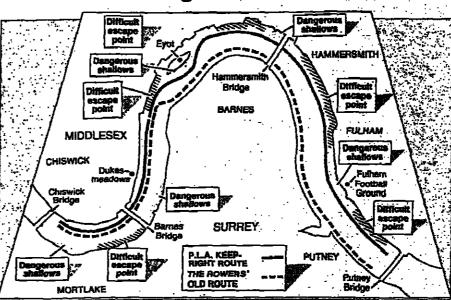
Peter Coni. chairman of Henley Regatta and a member of the Putney-based London Rowing Club, has outlined to the PLA, the River Police, and the Thames Passenger Services Federation the dangers inherent in applying the star-board hand rule above Putney Bridge.

Coni's arguments centre around the possibility of boats grounding at shallow points, now normally avoided, and the difficulties of supervising rowers or getting help to any in distress.

The validity of his submissions was accepted, but it is not up to the PLA to make

ers' route and not the star- changes in its bylaws. That power rests with the Department of Transport, and Coní anticipates "intense opposition" to making any variation in what is otherwise a very simple and universal rule. But, without a change, he sees "absolutely no hope for Tideway rowing" on the "most famous rowing water in the world".

It will be interesting to see whether organisers of other events on the Tideway follow the lead of the Watney Sculls. The head of the river races for men, women, schools and scullers, are all scheduled for the next two months. Each attracts hundreds of entries from all over Britain, as well as abroad.



Huber's display is highlight on eventful day for women in Australia Open

### Seles applies the brakes in time

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

THE hijack of the Australian Open by John McEnroe has largely relegated the women to the back seat over the past few days. But yesterday they forcibly took the wheel, their three quarter-finals providing a feast for all those who like their tennis fast and noisy.

The only disappointment was that Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière was unable to press the accelerator at all. The No. 9 seed had to withdraw with an injured right foot. presenting Arantxa Sánchez Vicario with a walkover into

None of the other matches was easy, though they all went to form and were all won in straight sets. Monica Seles, in particular, had a devil of a struggle to suppress Anke Huber, the No. 12 seed. Had the German showed just a fraction more composure at crucial moments, she could have gained revenge for the drubbing she took here last year at the hands of Seles.

Then, she was out-hit and overawed, managing just four games; 12 months on, at the same stage, she ran the defending champion much closer than the scoreline of 7-5, 6-3, would indicate and, in the long run. Seles has more to worry about than Huber. Only one game was won to

Huber, at the age of 17 almost exactly a year younger than Seles, traded blows with the top seed and refused to buckle under the ceaseless

baseline onslaught.

Huber is learning to live with the best company and, with a little more self-belief. could yet beat Seles before the year is out. "I didn't really think I could beat her before I went out. I just wanted to play a good game," Huber said.

Only Jennifer Capriati, who was beaten by Gabriela Sabatini yesterday, and Graf on a good day have matched Seles so strongly from the back of the court. Recent defeats by Sabatini, Martina Navranlova and Linda Ferrando, in the third round of the US Open in 1990, the last time she lost in a grand slam, have been inflicted by players willing to get to the net. "That is the only way you can beat her," Huber said. "But it is difficult to get to the net because she hits so hard and

uses the angles so well." The volley count - four won by Huber, three by Seles - was in inverse proportion to the decibel count, which, at times, reached such heights the photographers' lenses seemed in imminent danger of fragmenting. It was not

RESULTS FROM MELBOURNE

Women's singles

QUARTER-FINALS: M-J Fernandez (US) bt A Frazier (US), 6-4, 7-6: M Seles Yug) bt A Huber (Ger), 7-5; 6-3: G Sabatine (Arg) bt J Capriati (US), 6-4, 7-6: A Sénchez Viceno (3p) wo M Melseva-Fragnière (Switz), scr.

QUARTER-FINALS: 8 Davis (US) and D Pate (US) bt G Bloom (isr) and P Welesa (Kenya), 6-3, 6-4, 8-7, 8-3; R Krajicek and J Siemerink (Neth) bt J Palmer and J Sterk (US), 6-7, 6-2, 7-5, 7-6, K Jones and R Leach (US) bi T Nijssen (Neth) and C Suk (Cz), 6-0, 2-8, 7-6, 7-5; T Woodbridge and

SECOND ROUND: G Ivanisevic (Croatia) and S Rete (US) bt Y Nijesen and M Bollegraf (Neth), 3-6, 6-3, 8-8.

QUANTER-FINALS: D Macpherson and R McQuillan (Aus) bt J Pugh (US) and N Zvereva (Russia), 6-7, 8-2, 6-2, 3 Davis and R White (US) bt J Betes and J Durie (GB), 6-3, 7-8. BOYS' SINGLES: First round: M Hill (Aus) bt L Sabin (GB), 6-3, 6-2.

Mixed doubles

White, 6-3, 7-6.

nobody could argue with the effort or the entertainment. The Yugoslav had six points to take a 5-1 lead in the first set, but Huber saved them all valiantly and gained so much confidence from matching the iron-willed Seles at close quarters she broke back to level at 5-5 before wasting recovery with an unforced error and a double-fault.

Huber's last chance to recover came and went in the seventh game of the second set. Seles, ever shaky on her own service, having to save three more break points before emerging the victor, 7-5, 6-3 in an hour and 50 minutes. "Sometimes you just have to slug it out," Seles said. At the moment, there is no better slugger in the game.

Huber's emergence as a genuine rival coincided with the departure of Capriati, the one player widely tipped to match Seles here. The American's first venture to Australia died in a hail of unforced errors, 42 in all. Four in succession at the start of the second-set tie-break effectively ended her challenge to Sabatini, who simply made fewer winners and fewer errors. The scoreline of 6-4, 7-6 duplicated Mary Joe Fernandez's victory over her fellow American, Amy Frazier. The No. 7 seed had to have treatment for an injured toe during the second set, but it should not stop her from facing Sabatini in her third successive Australian Onen semi-final.

There was, though, disappointment for Britain in the mixed doubles when the defending champions, Jeremy Bates and Jo Durie, lost their title to Scott Davis and Robyn



Holding court: Sabatini swings past Capriati

VOLLEYBALL

#### Cup brings best out of Polonia

By RODDY MACKENZIE

POLONIA Ealing and Recbok Liverpool City, who met in the final of the Royal Bank of Scotland English Men's Cup last season, will again be in opposition in the semifinals this year.

Polonia, the holders, put on one of their best displays of the season to beat Newcastle (Staffs) in last weekend's ouarter-finals. The London chip, a crib anccess this season has not been matched by their form in the league's first division, in which they lie only seventh. "We're not good enough to sit back and just expect results to happen," Jurek Jankowski, their captain, said. "But we've found out things about ourselves in recent weeks and last Saturday was really the first time we got our act together as a

"The Liverpool semi-final will be difficult as they seem to be our bogy team. The result of last year's final will be enough motivation for

them but we will also be motivated to reach the final Liverpool continued their

fine recent cup tradition by beating Wessex away from home in their quarter-final to join Team Mizano Malory and Speedwell Rucanor in In next month's women's

semi-finals Britanma Music. the holders, will be at home to Southgate and Trafford will receive Woolwich Brixton. Southgate came from two sets down to defeat Ashcombe Dorking, to earn their tilt at Britannia

CUP: Constanting Mary Policies to Newcostie (Statis), 15-7, 15-13, 14-16, 15-6; Liverpool bt Wesser, 15-8, 15-10, 16-14; Team Micros Maloy bt Hilton Leads, 15-2, 15-10, 15-11; Speedwell Rosener bt Agrilla, 15-11, 17-15, 15-9. Womany Southyale bt Ashcombe Doubly, 13-15, 9-15, 15-4, 15-13, 15-12; Britannia bt Liverpool, 15-2, 17-15, 15-8, Prodom bt Birthnerber, 15-3, 15-6.

SNOOKER

#### Thorne ends drought

event for the first time in 22 attempts when he beat John Parrott, the world and UK champion, 5-3, at the E180,000 Asian Open in Bangkok last night (Phil Yates writes).

Thome, the world No. 17. led 3-0, but Parrott, handicapped by shivering spells and what he described as the Thai equivalent of Delhi belly, compiled breaks of 88 and 38 to win the next two frames. However, Thorne prevailed with a fortunate cross-double

WILLIE Thome reached the cum safety shot on the black break in the eighth.

Thome, who meets Dene O'Kane, of New Zealand, tomorrow, said: "I've been close to playing well for a number of months. Before that I had two years of purgatory in my life with financial problems." . Alan McManus celebrated his 21st birthday with a 5-3 victory over Mark Bennett.

RESULTS: Shaft round (England unless stated): M. Clark bt M. Price. 5-8.-4 McMarus (Sout) bt M. Bernett (Misles), 5-9 W. Thome bt J. Parrott, 5-9; S. Davis bt D. Taylor (tre), 5-0; D. O'Kure (NZ) bt S. Campbaß, 5-2; A. Robidoux (Carr) bt A. Drago (Mista), 5-2.

Maguire stripped of six

RACING

ADRIAN Magnire was yesterday stripped of six winners and six places by the Jockey Club for riding with the incorrect weight. The 20-year-old Irishman

winners

claimed a 31b riding allowance to which he was not entitled in 12 races between December 30 and January 4. The outcome of yesterday's enquiry appeared a formality after owner Geoff Hubbard

and trainer Ferdie Murphy. responsible for three of the winners, admitted that the Jockey Chib appeared to be correct in its assessment that Maguire was not entitled to

Murphy and Hubbard, who will lose almost £20,000 in prize-money, had forced a postponement of the hearing after originally disputing the Jockey Club calculations.

Maguire and his employer. the trainer Toby Balding escaped any further punishment at the hearing.

"It went very much as expected. We had a very forthright discussion, but were prepared to admit that the responsibility is on our side of the table." Balding

Maguire, who will lose 10 per cent of £26,000 in prizemoney said: "It could have been a lot worse."

included among the disqualified horses are Murphy's and Hubbard's Sandown winners, Emsee-H, On The Twist and Notary-Nowell, wito gave Maguire his first treble.

CI After the enquiry, Maguire dashed off to Chepstow where he was compensated by riding a winner. Three Lakes, in the Fledgling Conditional Jockeys Selling Hurdle.

#### French hope may return for National OKLAOMA-II, the French

chaser who ran well for a long way in last year's Grand National before being pulled up, may have another crack

at the race on April 4.
His trainer Roland Kle-parski said: "We have again entered Oktaoma II for Aintree, but we will also want to races.

The French handler contin-.tted: "Oklaoma II is currently enjoying a winter break at the baie du Mont Saint Michel and, like last year, we are on the look-out for a sponsor.

□ Alan Bailey is set to take the high road after a 90-1 double at Lingfield yesterday with Beechwood Cottage and Princess Roxanne. The Newmarket trainer moves to Scotland next month to share Tommy Craig's yard at Dunbar near Edinburgh.

Luxembourg

#### **European Law Report**

### EEA courts would conflict with foundations of Community

Economic Area (Opinion 1/91) mit Area

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In so far as it conditioned the future interpretation of the Community rules on free movement and competition, the machinery of courts provided for in the European Economic Area (EEA) conflicted with article 164 of the EEC Treaty and, more generally, with the very foundations of the Community.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in giving its opinion on the compatibility of the roposed draft agreement with the EEC Treaty in response to a request The purpose of the proposed agree-

ment was to create a European Economic Area covering the territories of the member states of the Community and those of the EFTA countries. According to the preamble to the agreement the contracting parties envisaged the establishment of a dynamic and homogeneous European Economic Area, based on common rules and equal conditions of competition, and provided for adequate means of enforcement, inter alia at the judicial

relations between the states making up the EEA covered the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital, and competition. Essentially, the rules were those laid down in the cornesponding provisions of the EEC and ECSC Treaties and in measures adopt-

ed pursuant thereto. The aim of homogeneity in the interpretation and application of the law in the EEA as specified in article t of the agreement was to be secured through the use of provisions which were textually identical with the corresponding provisions of Community law and through the establishment of a

system of courts.

The agreement provided for the setting up of an EEA Court, to which a Court of First Instance was to be attached. The jurisdiction of the EEA Court was defined in article 96(1) of

ing parties, actions concerning the surveillance procedure regarding the EFTA states and, in the field of competition, appeals concerning deci-sions taken by the EFTA surveillance authority.

Article 6 of the agreement provided

that, for the purposes of their implementation and application, the provisions of agreements were to be interpreted in conformity with rulings of the Court of Justice on the corresponding provisions of the EEC Treaty, the ECSC Treaty and measures of Community secondary legislation which were given prior to the date of signature of the agreement.

Article 104(1) of the agreement provided that, when applying or interpreting the provisions of the agreement or provisions of the EEC and ECSC ed. or of Acts adopted in pursuance thereof, the Court of Justice, the EEA Court, the Court of First Instance and the Courts of the EFTA States were to pay due account to the principles laid down in decisions delivered by the other courts in order to ensure as uniform as possible an interpretation of the agreement.

that the EEA Court was to be composed of eight judges, including five from the Court of Justice. According to article 101, the EEA Court of First instance was to be composed of five states and two judges of the Court of First Instance of the European

Protocol 34 to which article 104(2) of the agreement referred, contained provisions under which the EFTA tates might authorise their courts and tribunals to ask the Court of Justice to express itself on the interpretation of a provision of the agreement.

In its Opinion the European Court of Justice, having heard the advocatesgeneral, ruled as follows: Objectives of the agreement

With regard to the comparison of the objectives of the provisions of the agreement and those of Community law, it had to be observed that the agreement was concerned with the application of rules on free trade and competition in connomic and commercial relations among the contracting

In contrast, as far as the Community

sought to extend to the whole territory of the contracting parties, had developed and formed part of the Communications and formed part of the Communications. nity legal order, the objectives of which went beyond that of the agreement

The EEC Treaty aimed to achieve conomic integration leading to the establishment of an internal marker nic and monetary union. Article 1 of the Single European Act made it clear, moreover, that the objective of all the Community treaties was to contribute together to making concrete progress towards European

It followed from the foregoing that the provisions of the EEC Treaty on free movement and competition, far from being an end in themselves, were only means for attaining those

The EEA was to be established on the basis of an international treaty which, essentially, merely created rights and obligations as between the contracting parties and provided for no transfer of sovereign rights to the inter-governmental institutions which In contrast, the EEC Treaty, albeit

concluded in the form of an international agreement, none the less consti-tuted the constitutional charter of a As the Court of Justice had consistently held, the Community treaties established a new legal order for the benefit of which the states had limited their sovereign rights, in ever wider fields, and the subjects of which comprised not only member states but also

their nationals. The essential characteristics of the Community legal order which had thus been established were in particular its primacy over the law of member states and the direct effect of a whole series of provisions which were applicable to their nationals and to the member states themselves.

it followed that the divergences which existed between the aims and context of the agreement, on the one hand, and the aims and context of Community law, on the other, stood in the way of the achievement of the objective of homogeneity in the inter-pretation and application of the law in the EEA.

It was in the light of the contradiction which had just been identified that it had to be considered whether the proposed system of courts might undermine the autonomy of the Community legal order in pursuing its own particular objectives. Jurisdiction of the EEA Court The EEA Court had jurisdiction

under article 96(1) of the agreement with regard to the settlement of disputes between the contracting parties. The expression "contracting parties" was defined in article 2(c) of the agreement. As far as the Community and its member states were concerned, it covered the Community and the

member states, or the Community, or the member states, depending on the member states, or the Com-

That meant that, when a dispute relating to the interpretation or application of one or more provisions of the agreement was brought before it, the EEA Court might be called upon to interpret the expression "contracting party", and, consequently, that Court would have to rule on the respective competences of the Community and member states as to the matters gov-erned by the provisions of the

It followed that the jurisdiction conferred on the EEA Court would be ikely to affect adversely the allocation of responsibilities defined in the Trea-ties and, hence, the autonomy of the Community legal order, respect for which had to be assured by the Court of Justice pursuant to article 164 of the

That exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Justice was confirmed by article 219 of the EEC Treaty, under which member states undertook not to submit a dispute concerning the interto any method of settlement other than those provided for in the Treaty. Effect of international agreements

International agreements concluded by means of the procedure set out in article 228 of the Treaty were binding on the institutions of the Community and its member states and, as the Court of Justice had consistently held, the provisions of such agreements and the measures adopted by institutions set up by such agreements became an integral part of the Community legal order when they entered into force. The agreement in question was an

act of one of the institutions of the

Community within the meaning of indeni (b) of the first paragraph of article 177 of the EEC Treaty and therefore the Court had jurisdiction to give preliminary rulings on its It also had jurisdiction to rule on the

agreement in the event that member states of the Community failed to fulfil their obligations under the agreement

Where however an international agreement provided for its own system of courts, including a court with juris-diction to settle disputes between the contracting parties to the agreement, and, as a result, to interpret its provisions, the decisions of that court would be binding on the Community institutions, including the Court of Justice.

Those decisions would also be binding in the event that the Court of Justice was called upon to rule, by way

of preliminary ruling or in a direction action, on the interpretation of the international agreement, in so far as that agreement was an integral part of the Community legal order.

An international agreement providing for such a system of courts was in principle compatible with Community law, The Community's competence in the field of international agreement ssarily entailed the power to sub

mit to the decisions of a court which

was created or designated by such an

agreement as to the interpretation and application of its provisions. However, the agreement of issue took over an essential part of the rules, including the rules of secondary legislation, which governed economic and trading relations within the Communi-ty and which constituted, for the most part. fundamental provisions of the

Community legal order. Consequently, the agreement had the effect of introducing into the Community legal order a large body of legal rules which was juxtaposed to a corpus of identically worded Commu-

Furthermore, the objective of uni-form application and equality of conditions of competition necessarily covered the interpretation both of the provisions of the agreement and of the corresponding provisions of the Com-Although the EEA Court was under

a duty to interpret the provisions of the agreement in the light of the relevant rulings of the Court of Justice given prior to the date of signature of the agreement, the EEA Court would no longer be subject to any such obligation in the case of decisions given by... the Court of Justice after that date. Consequently, the agreement's ob-

jective of ensuring homogeneity of the law throughout the EEA would determine not only the interpretation of the rules of the agreement itself but also

rules of Community law.

It followed that in so far as it

conditioned the future interpretation of the Community rules on free move-ment and competition; the machinery of courts provided for in the agreement conflicted with article 164 of th EEC Treaty and, more generally, with the very foundations of the Community. Composition of the EEA Courts

The threat posed by the court system set up by the agreement to the autonomy of the Community legal order was not reduced by the fact that judges from the Court of Justice were to sir on the EEA Court and in its chambers and that judges from the Community's Court of First Instance were to sit on the EEA Court of First Instance.

On the contrary, it was to be feared that the application of those provisions would accentuate the general problems arising from the court system to be set up by the agreement. Depending on whether they were ing on the Court of Justice or on the EEA Court, the judges of the Court of

Justice who were members of the EEA.

Court would have to apply and inter-pret the same provisions but using different approaches; methods and

concepts in order to take account of the nature of each Treaty and of its particular objectives. In those circumstances, it would be very difficult. if not impossible, for those judges, when sitting in the Court of Justice, to tackle questions with completely open minds where they had taken part in determining those questions as members of the EEA Court

References from courts in EFTA Under article 1 of Protocol 34, when a question of interpretation of provisions of the agreement which were identical in substance to the provisions of the Community Treaties arose in a case pending before a court or tribural of an EFTA state, the court or tribunal might, if it considered it necessary, ask the Court of Justice to express itself oil

Article 2 of Protocol 34 provided that an EFTA state which intended to make use of that protocol was to notify the Depositary of the agreement and the Court of Justice to what extent and according to what modalities the protocol was to apply to its courts and

Accordingly, that procedure was characterised by the fact that it left the EFTA state free to authorise or not to

the interpretation of the corresponding authorise their courts or tribunals to refer questions of the Court of Justice obligatory in the case of courts of last

Furthermore, there was no guaran-

tee that the answers given by the Court of Justice in such proceedings would be binding on the cours making the reference. It was unacceptale that the answers which the Court of Justice gave to the courts and tribunals in the EFTA

states were to be putely advisory and without any binding effect.

Such a situation would change the nature of the function of the Court of Justice as it was conceived by the EEC Justice as it was conceived by the LEC-Treaty, namely that of a court whose judgments were binding. Even in the specific case of article 228, the opinion given by the Court of Justice had the binding effect stipulated in that article. Furthermore, the interpretation of

the agreement provided by the Court of Justice in response to questions put by courts and tribunals in EFTA states also had to be taken into account by courts in member states of the Cor munity when they had to rule on the application of the agreement.

However, the fact that the answers were not binding on the EFTA courts might give rise to uncertainty about their legal value for courts in member states of the Community.

states would be led to consider that the non-binding effect of interpretations given by the Court of Justice under Protocol 34 also extended to judgments given by the Court of Justice unider article 177 of the EEC Treaty. To that extent, the machinery in question would have an adverse impact

nary rulings procedure.

It followed from the above considerations that article 104(2) of the agreement and Protocol 34 thereto were incompatible with Community law in so far as they did not guarantee that the answers which the Court of Justice might be called upon to give pursuant

to the protocol would have a binding In conclusion, the European Court gave the following opinion:
The system of judicial supervision which the agreement proposed to set up was incompatible with the Treaty

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Finally, the possibility could not be ruled out that courts in the member

on legal certainty, which was essential for the proper operation of the prelimi-

stablishing the European Economic

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Run For Free to shine over fences MARTIN Pipe has already shown himself to have a potential high-quality chaser in-Milnnehoma, who beat Mutare at Chepstow yesterday. And the champion trainer may have another star with

Wolverhampton today. Run For Free was a highclass hurdler, who won three times last season, but put up his best performances in defeat when a neck second to King's Curate in the Stayers' Hurdle at the National Hunt Festival and 11 lengths third to Morley Street at Aintree. The eight-year-old was also far from disgraced when just over ten lengths third behind Cab On Target at Chehen-ham on his seasonal debut

earlier this month.

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4.20 Knights

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1.50 Halkopous

2.20 Run For Free. 2.50 Greyfriars Bobby. 3.20 Golden Fare.

3.50 Comedy Road.

Run For Free, who runs in

the Dudley Novices' Chase at

If he can transform the form he showed over timber to birch, he should prove a force to be reckoned with.

Comedy Road had been off the track for 635 days when he ran at Worcester in early December. It may have been one of the reasons for him falling. However, he put that behind him next time out when beating Flemish Fudge by 20 lengths at Wolverhampton, and can follow up in the Compton Handicap

Mark Tompkins may be better known for his exploits on the Flat, but he is enjoying a productive jumping cam-paign. He can win the Bishop's Wood Novices' Hurdle with Halkopous, who provided Tompkins with one of his biggest successes of the sum-

RICHARD EVANS

3.50 COMEDY ROAD

THUNDERER

1.50 Halkopous.

#### mer in the Magnet Cup at

York in July: After a creditable hurdling

debut behind the highly-rat-ed Travado at Kempton on Boxing day, the six-year-old turned in an impressive performance when beating Crazy Horse Dancer by 15 lengths at Wolverhampton three weeks ago.

The margin of victory could

have been far greater, and he should win again here.
For my nap, I turn Secret
Finale who could prove the
answer to the Acropola. Handicap Hurdle at Sedgefield, where he should have most to fear from Carousel Calypso. When the two met at Sedgefield in Novem-

ber. Carousel Calypso was receiving olb when beating Secret Finale nearly 24

When they met again the following month, Carousel Calypso was more than eight lengths behind Secret Finale at level weights.
Now Secret Finale has an

will be enough to tip the balance in his favour. Although Fighting Finish should go close for Arthur Stephenson in the Winter Sports Handicap Chase, I prefer Ainsty Fox. The eightyear-old has performed consistently this season, except for his last run at Wetherby, and he looks well weighted

However, Stephenson can gain swift recompense with

4.20 KIDDERMINSTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,590: 2m) (18 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Tybum Led, 9-2 Knights, 11-2 Albertito, 7-1 Always Alex, 8-1 Emperors Warrior, 10-1 others. 1991: VA LUTE 7-10-9 N Marin (11-2) R Holder 9 ran

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cap Chase. Speech has often blundered away his chances with some poor jumping, but a clear round should see him

Following a promising run behind Kambalda River at Carlisle last week, Forever Aston can win the Downhill advantage of 11b, which I feel Novices' Handicap Chase.

Passed Pawn won four races for Martin Pipe before finding life tough at the top of the handicap. But he looks to have a good chance in the Nicholas Nickelby Handicap Hurdle at Southwell.

Suluk has shown his liking for the Nottinghamshire track, having won seven races there, and the seven-year-old can add to that tally by winning the Oliver Selling

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in doubt. Owned by Freddie Starr, the nine-year-old was a top-Abbot recently.

"He's always been a very good horse," said Pipe. "We had to give him a year off because of a minor problem.

Although Chepstow had

### Miinnehoma attempts festival repeat for Pipe

reasonably well, the forecast

of further severe weather is

already raising doubts about the state of the ground for Cheltenham's exciting meet-

ing on Saturday.
"It's no good talking about it yet." Pipe went on. "I want

to run both Carvill's Hill and

Rolling Ball, but it all de-

Nicky Henderson, howev-

er, is looking forward to run-

ning Remittance Man in the

Arlington final against Roll-

ing Ball. And the Lambourn

trainer was not unnecessarily

downcast by Mutare's defeat.

"It's my fault," he said.
"I've given him a little holiday

after Kempton. I hadn't real-

ised that this would be such a

hot race and he wasn't tuned

up. He's still on target for the

Like all the other visitors to

Reynoldstown at Ascot."

pends on the ground."

DESPITE the late withdrawal of King's Curate from yesterday's Partridge Novices' Chase at Chepstow, Miinnehoma's three-length defeat of Mutare immediately stamped the 3-1 winner as a likely candidate for an attempt to repeat Martin Pipe's 1991 victory with Rolling Ball in the Sun Alliance

Chase at Cheltenham.
"I was impressed," said
Peter Scudamore. "There was a strong pace and he jumped and galloped on really well." A marvellous race between

two outstanding young horses reached its dramatic climax as Miinnehoma and Mutare rose together at the fifth fence from home. Miinnehoma made one of

his only two mistakes there, but the pair were still in the air together at the next jump. At the third from home, Miinnehoma went ahead and although Mutare, the 5-4 on favourite, rallied bravely on the flat, the issue was never

class novice hurdler two seasons ago. Out of action during the 1990-91 campaign, he made a winning debut over fences at Newton

He must have soft ground, but we'd be quite happy to go to Cheltenham without another race."

Pipe: in confident mood

survived the overnight frost the Welsh track, Henderson was praying for the frost to stay away. "It's an important week for us. I want to get Rustle out at Newton Abbot on Thursday and run Travado at Doncaster at the

> Predictably, although Dan-ny Harrold finished 25 lengths behind Mutare in third place, Jenny Pitman was still optimistic about the future for her one-time expensive purchase. "I don't know how much improvement the others have in them, but Danny Harrold will be much the

> better for this race." The trainer then emphas ised that, like Carvill's Hill, Toby Tobias would also be an absentee from the Charterhouse Mercantile line-up unless some rain were to come to ease the going.

> Stan Mellor is hoping to reroute King's Curate to Ayr at the weekend.

> The afternoon had started with Beebob initiating a short-priced double for Pipe and Scudamore when beating his stable companion Snowy Lane by seven lengths in the Grouse Novices'

A more-than-useful performer on the Flat last season. Beebob won four races for Geoff Lewis.

But although the four-year-old eventually won easily, those who had laid the odds of 5-2 on the favourite must have had their hearts in their mouths as Beebob wobbled about alarmingly before jumping most of the hurdles.

#### \*Research number. Six-figure form (F - fell. P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outling; F If flat. (B - binkers. V - visor. H - hood. E - Eyenicki, C - course without. D - distance winner. CD - course and 20 Run For Free 2.50 GREYFRIARS BOBBY (nap). 3.20 Golden Fare. 3.50 Comedy Road. 3.20 ESSINGTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,827: 2m) (7 runners) GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) 1.50 BISHOP'S WOOD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,863: 2m) (11 runners) 1 01 HALKOPOUS 16 (CD.0) (A Christodoulou) M Tompidint 6-11-12 P Scudamore © 99 2 00 CHEERPUL CHAFLIE 18 (Switzerton Transport Liv) B McMehon 5-11-6 3 0- FIRST LESSON 387 (Statistics Fasteners) P Hobbs 6-11-6 Pener Hobbs 4 FHAM HILL PRINCE 328 (Mrs. P Share) A J Wilson 10-11-6 B O'Doed (7) 5 PPP/8 JUST 19 (Just Racing) M Plos 6-11-6 M Foster (8) 85 6 D5 VILCOE BAY 16 (5 Gettin) B McMehon 5-11-6 M Foster (8) 85 7 8- SEEMACHANCE 445 (Mrs. M Rimell) Mrs. M Rimel 5-11-1 A Magaire 8 0 BAMAN POWERHOUSE 18 (F. WES) M Soudamore 4-10-8 J. Tragg 9 0P DYD 50 (Mrs. M Pugh) F Jorden 4-10-8 J. Lodder 10 PRIMA AURORA 75F (Lord Cressitent) C Brooks 4-10-8 G Bradley 11 SCOSSA 34F (M Ciden) J Speering 4-10-8 G Bradley BETTING: 2-6 Halkopous, 8-1 Just, 14-1 Secreptions, Prima Aurora, 20-1 First Lesson, Barran Powerhouse, 25-1 others. Peter Hobbs — B 0'Doed (7) — M Foster (8) 85 — A Magaire 59 FORM FOCUS HMPERIAL PLIGHT 3% 2nd of 8 to L'Uomo-Plu in Devron (2m 1f, good) to firm) handicap hurdie. RICK-ESTON LAD off course since nik 2nd of 4 to Devron Prince in Southwell (AW, 2m) handicap hurdie Matrich 1990. TRANO 5015 5th of 8 to Simply Pleasure at Strat-TRANO 5015 5th of 8 to Simply Pleasure at Strat-TRANO 50%1 Shi of 8 to Sk TOUCHING STAR 121 3rd of 10 to Holtermen in Windsor (2m. good). Windsor (2m. good). Selection: GOLDEN FARE 1991: BLACKSBURG 8-12-4 M Dwyer (7-2) Jimmy Fitzgerald 18 ran FORM FOCUS 3.50 COMPTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,012: 2m 4f) (6 runners) HALKOPOUS best Crezy Horse Dencer 15i in 13runner riovice hundle over course and distance (good) with VILCOE BAY ((8b better off) 30f 6th; previously 12 8th of 13 to Trevado at Kempton (2m), FIRST LESSON joint-texcourte when 31f 12th of 18 to Avonburn in Ludiow (2m, good to firm) Netfonel HALKOPOUS HALKOPOUS HALKOPOUS HALKOPOUS Long Handicap: Topping-The-Bit 9-10, Seetse You 9-08 BETTING: 7-4-Comedy Road, 9-4 King Of The Lot, 5-1 Topping-The-Bit, 6-1 Western Counties, 12-1 others, 1991: SKINNHELL 7-10-7 A Tory (6-1) T Thomson Jones 11 ran L Hervey 81. Martin Jones 88 FORM FOCUS KING OF THE LOT 'ki Sird of 9 to Radicel Lady in Bungor (2m 4f, good to soft handloop chase on penultimete start. WESTERN COUNTRIES 10/ 2nd of 9 to Strah Jey in Neiviton Abbot (2m 5f, soft) handloop chase; previously 4/ki 3rd of 8 to Acre Hill at Chetterham (2m, good to firm). MAJOR EFFORT twice disappointing since beeting Highlire 3i in 6-numer handloop chase here (2m, Sodiamston COMEDY ROAD (nap)

#### 2.20 DUDLEY NOVICES CHASE (E2,266: 3m 1f) (12 runners) 1 20U-12F COUNTRY MEMBER 23 (6) (Mrs C Williams) A Turnel 7-112. L Harve 2 4/008-P0 ADAMS IMPRINT 28 (F) (D Lowe) Mrs G Jones 9-10-12. Mrs T Cambidge 7-10-12. Mrs J Cambidge 7-10-12. Mrs J Cambidge 5-10-12. Mrs J Cambidge 7-10-12. Mrs J Cambidge 6-10-12. Mrs J Cambidge G Lyons S Earle C Uswellyn FORM FOCUS COUNTRY MEMBER 3rd and every chance when | chains. RUN FOR FREE top class staying harder tell 4 out in 8-further Newbord Tob., bood route | whose form last term included neck 2nd of 15 to ton a out of orther revenue (att.) good rowers come and recorded neck state of to to chase won by Springsleets; previously 22 and of 8 to King's Caraties in grade 1 Boulagetin Stayen's Hurdle Keep Telking on same course (2m, good). CATCHAPEINNY 3Nd 2nd of 6 to Taco in Laicester at Carltenance (2m, good to firm) novice chase. HUMDECOLA 12: 3 good) novice chase. 3rd of 6 to Marcellina in Laicester (3m, good) novice chase. Selection: COUNTRY MEMBER 2.50 STAYING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,434: 2m 6f 110yd) (14 runners) 13 0450-03 TUFOLI 18 (J Reid) D C Tucker 8-10-7 J Newys 14 P00-080 WOODGRADE LASS 15 (Woodgrade Ltd) N Ayaffe 6-10-7 P W Davise BETTING: 7-2 Miss Bobby Bernett, 4-1 Greytriers Bobby, Sweet Duke, 8-1 Rivertino, 10-1 Sandelays Daughter, 12-1 Johans Patch, 16-1 others 1961: RIVERSIDE BOY 8-10-12 M Foster (10-11 (sv) M Pipe 16 ran FORM FOCUS

SWEET DUKE disqualitied for failing to draw correct weight after finishing 198 4th of 8 to Arabient Sulten in grade it Crowngsp Winter Novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, good); previously best Morgana Harbour 10t in 11-numer Worcester (3m, good to sort) novice hurdle on perultimate start. SALOR BLUE ha 2nd of 18 to Warner Santown (2m 5f 75yd, good); previously best Morgana Harbour 10t in 11-numer Worcester (3m, good to sort) novice hurdle on perultimate start. GREYFRIARS BOBBY 391 2nd of 18 to Jackich in Winceston (2m 6f, good to soft) on respirate - RICHARD EVANS THUNDERER 3.00 Simple Pleasure. 4.00 Miss Mangaroo. 1.30 Solitary Reaper. 2.00 Shilinski.

MANDARIN 1.30 Ace Of Diamonds. 2.00 SECRET FINALE 2.30 Fighting Finish. 3.00 Simple Pleasure. (nap). 2.30 Ainsty Fox. 3.00 Speech.
3.30 Forever Aston. 3.30 Portonia. 4.00 Easby Mandrica. 4.00 Easby Mandrina The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 MISS MANGAROO. GOING: GOOD 1.30 STONEGRAVE AGGREGATES SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,541: 2m 4f) (22 runners)

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4 17-69-04 LAVROSKY 27 (63 (J Simpson) 6 Wilkinson 8-11-5 L O'Hara

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6 FPLPP-0 SHLENT RING 12 (F.G) (Mrs J Waggotth N Waggott 6-10-12 C Grists

7 /43/083- YORKBAYS-31 (C.F.) (Mrs J Waggotth N Waggott 6-10-12 C Grists

8 105434 VICTORY TORCH 2 (C.F.) (Langdale Reading Stables) H Winding 7-10-3 C Dernis (3)

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16 (/0700-P BELLA BANUS 32 (C.G.S) (W Taylor) J Birdset 10-10-0 D J Wildmann

17 0-42222 COUGAR 13 (Scotsorth Recing Lis) Mrs S Austin 6-10-0 D Wildmann

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Selection: KNIGHTS **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** 60.0 44.4 35.2 P Habbs C Brooks M Pipe A Turneli O Nicholson O Sherwood 2.30 WINTER SPORTS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,623: 2m 4f) (9 runners) Long handicap: Chipchese 9-0.
BETTING: 5-2 Righting Finish, 7-2 Palmrush: 5-1 Landelo, 11-2 Wart You There, 7-1 Hill Street, 8-1 Blakes Son, 14-1 Alasty Fox, 20-1 others. 3.00 CURLING HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs; £2,623: 2m) (6 runners) Long handicap: Comedy Fun 9-7.

BETYING: 7-4 Simple Pleasure, 3-1 Speech, 9-2 Cavaller Crossett, 6-1 Bertustand, 10-1 Incarse, 14-1 Comedy 3.30 DOWNHILL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,086: 3m 2f 160yd) (15 runners) (F2,086: 3m 2f 160yd) (15 runners)

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3 68745-F THE POD'S REVENGE 7 (3) (W Williams) M O'Neti 7-11-5 L Wyer 84
4 400-P02 RANDOM WARRIOR 13 (8) (Mrs 6 Lister) J Parkes 8-11-5 N Smith (5) 80
5 F25-0FD YORK IMPERIAL 18 (8 Geo) B Geo 11-11-5 D Bryns 81
8 20/44U2 POREVER ASTON 9 (1 Featherstone) G Moore 7-11-4 M Dwyer 8 99
7 P63-203 CARQUSEL CROSSETT 21 (E Cains) E Caract 11-11-3 Mr P McLoughtin (7) 88
8 43-225F POLLIBRIO 20 (W Hamilton) W Hamilton 8-11-2 Mr P McLoughtin (7) 89
9 00/5 COURSE OF ACTION 85 (Mrs M Beaumont) P Beaumont 7-10-13 Mrs A Ferrall 10 550F RALLYE STRIPE 398 (Mrs S Branat) Mrs S Branat) B-10-13 K Doorten 11 0P/000 APPLE MAGIC 49 (N Tutty) Mrs K Tutty 8-10-13 Mrs A For N Tutty 8-10-13 P P-843U SPY MILL 21 (D Branati) Mrs S Branati 6-10-13 J O'Gorman 14 0-28063 DE PROFUNDIS 12 (6) Miss Y Gray) T Cumingham 8-10-13 K Johnson 15 0/PPP SWINDLE BECK 13 (P Piler) W A Sispheneon 8-10-13 K Johnson BETTINE: 11-4 Portonia 4-1 Cestie King, 5-1 Off The Bru, 6-1 Forever Aston, 8-1 Carousel Crossett, Postlong,

BETTING: 11-4 Portonia, 4-1 Castle King, 5-1 Off The Bru, 6-1 Forever Aston, 8-7 Carouset Crossett, Politiong, 10-1 Randont Warrior, 14-1 De Profundis, 16-1 others. 4.00 ski-ing mares only national Hunt novices hurdle (£1,170: 2m) (14 runners) BETTING: 5-4 May Mangaroo, 3-1 Easiby Mendrina, 6-1 Capricioses Lady, 8-1 Burmane Ruby, 10-1 by Green, 12-1 May Corvero, 16-1 others.



4.15 nicholas nickelby handicap HURDLE (£1,375: 2m) (10) 11-4 Valentinos Joy, 3-1 Gray Tornato, 9-2 Bold Archer, 5-1 City Index, 8-1 Blue Danube, 10-1 Master Salesman, 12-1 others 1 1102 PASSED PAWN 21 (D,BF,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 **COURSE SPECIALISTS** TRAINERS: A Hide, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50.0%; M Pipe, 21 Iron 49, 42.9%; T Thomson Jones, 5 Iron 14, 35,7%; M Tompliner, 7 from 25, 25,9%; R Hollinshead, 19 from 71, 26.8%; R Weaver, 10 from 45, 22.2%. JOCKEYS: S Woods, 9 winners from 35 rides, 25.7%; D Tegg, 3 from 14, 21.4%; A Juckes, 9 from 48, 18.6%; 8 Wynne, 6 from 40, 15.0%; V Slattery, 3 from 24, 12.5%; JA Harris, 7 from 62, 11.3%. 5-4 Passed Pawn, 4-1 La Rapolte, 6-1 Tristan's Cornet, 8-1 Fai Seas, 10-1 Shirley Ann, 12-1 Another Scally, 14-1 others.

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WAY WEST TO STEND OF STENDARDS THREE MESTINGS OF

Chepstow Goling: good (ch); good to soft (htdies)
1,20 (2m htdie) 1, BEEBOB (P
Scudamore, 2-5 lav); 2, Snowy Lane (M
Foster, 10-7); 3, Blastett Hero (J Railton,
16-1); ALSO RAN: 8 Juper Ritchert (6th);
Aswamedh (Stn), Parisian Express, 10 Do
The Right Thing (pu), 25 Domers Delight
(pu), 33 Nove Sprit (4th), 9 ran 71, 31, 81,
31, 101. M Pipe at Wellington, Tote: £1.50;
£1.10, £2.30, £7.40. DF: £8.10. CSF:
£7.62 Nottingham

27.62

1.50 (3m ch) 1. MENNEHOMA (P. Scudamore, 3-1); 2. Mutare (R. Durwoody, 4-5 fav), 3. Danny Harrold (M. Pitman, 7-2), ALSO RAN; 20 Fort Noel (pu), 25 Ask Frank (4th), Sound Of Jura (pu), 33 Fest Study (un), 150 Biskengton (pu), Costen Mannerro (pu), Du Entertainer (pu), Solent Knight (pu), Thursday Man (pu), Woodbands Genpower (pu) 13 mn NF Kny's Curate, Border Loch, Woodbands Genhier 3-16, 25, 5, M. Pipe at Wellington, Tole: £4 80; £1.50, £1 10, £1 30 DF: \$2.80. CSF: £5.58.

\$1.30 OF: \$2.80. CSF: \$5.88.

2.20 (3m hole) 1, MR GOSSIP (R)
Dunwoody, 13-2; 2, Super Sense (D)
Murphy, 6-1); 3, Betty Heyes (Mr M)
Hourigan, 5-0;), 4, Ceinc Sport (PeusHobbs, 16-1) ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav TreePoppy 4 Tarkovsky (8th), 10, Royal
Astronaut, 16 Just As Hopehul, Enborne
Lad (pu), 20 Wiltstord (pu), Go South
(5th), 25 Battallon (pu), 50 Monetary
Fund, Marquee Cafe (pu), 100 Useful
Addrion (pu), 200 The Last Bul One (pu),
16 ran NR: Elvercone Shid, 2, 8, ind, nk
N Handerson at Lamboum, 10te: \$5.40,
\$1.30, \$2.20, \$6.00, \$4.00, \$0.75.

CSF: \$42.22 Tricest; \$1855.34.

2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, ROMANS BIRTHDAY (C. Maude. 11-4): 2. The Leggett (M. Perrett. 8-1): 3. Kittinger (L. Harvey, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 13-6 fev Half Brother (pu), 11-4 Rembling Song (5th), 16 Pukke Major (4th), 25 Voolkathi (pu), 7 ren. 101, 81, 291, 12. P. Hobbs at Mindhead. Tota: 13.80, 12.00, 12.50. DP. \$12.50. CSF: 122.08. 22 DD, \$2.50. DP. \$12.50. CSF. \$22.09.

3.20 (2m note) 1, THREE LAKES (A Maguire, 6-1), 2, Almost A Princass (J Lecch, 9-2). 3, More By Luck (D Matthews, B-1). ALSO RAN. 5-2 is Milloord Boy (5th), 5 Tower Bridge, 6 Merse Kay Gold (4th), 14 Muzo (pu), 18 Stormy Praise, 20 Srared Star (6th), 25 Kilcorvino (pu), 50 First Admirst, Misthy's Star 12 ran. NF. Knavo of Cubs. NK, 7, 291, (8), 25 Griffithe at Cammarthen. Tots: £7.10; \$2.50, £1.30, £2.20 DF: £13.80 CSF; \$33.23. No bid.

3.50 (2m hdie) 1. J BRAND (W McFarland, 11-4 lav, Privato Handicap-per's top rating); 2. Sandinurat Park (M Marn. 5-1); 3. Bellyanto (D Matthews, 13-2); 4. Cardinal Bird (M Porrett, 10-1).

ALSO RAN: 5 Chieroscuro (5th), 8
Monassur Morus, 15 Persord, Another
Buck (pu), Crisp Note, Silver Strings, 25
Sabre Long, 28 Golden Standard, 33
Wisebow (5th), Silver Patrol (1), 50
Comish Delighi (pu), Jeyland, 15 ran, 8, 19, 17, ah hd, 41, J Moore at Andower, 10er; 24 40; E1.40, er; 90, 52.00, 25.00
DF: ET.70, CSF: ET.7.74, Tricest: 281.47.

Going: good (with good to firm patches) Goorg: good (with good to firm patches)
1.30 (2m hdle) 1, Royal Galt (G McCourt, 2-9 tay), 2, K-Bingsde (11-1); 3, Rosees
Have Thoms (12-1) 3, 14 mm, 151, nk, J
Fanshawe. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £2.40,
£1.10. DF: £3.10 CSF: £3.81,
2.00 (3m ch) 1, Ebony Swell (R Beggan,
3-1); 2, Another Scheckel (5-1); 3, Rymer
King (7-4 fav), 4 mm, 191, 501, \$ Carmoion,
Tote £3.90 DF: £20.00, CSF: £13.94,
2.30 (2m ch) 1, Alex Balt (7 Except the 1)

Total Carlotti, Carlotti, Carlotti, 24-11; 2, Peofic Gern (2-1); 3, Teacher's Dram (16-1); Construction King S-4 (zv. 6 am. kg: Streed John, 6l. dist Mass S witten. Total: 55.70; \$1.40, \$1.50. DF-\$4.80. CSF: \$14.59. 2.14.59. 3.00 (2m hdie) 1. Five Lamps (D Meredith, 100-30); 2. Emerald Gem (15-6 fav), 3. Druss (12-1). 6 fan, Nk, 7l. R Dickin Totes 54.10; £2.50, £1.40. DF 5.30. CSF: £3.30.

CSF: 59.30.
3.30 (2m ch) 1, Macarthur (G McCourt, 8-13 tav), 2, Vistory's Clown (3-1), 3 ran, 4; M W Easterby, Tote: £2.50, DF: £7.50, CSF: £2.56, Ohly two finished.
4.00 (2m 6f holie) 1, Silver Säck (C Grant, 7-1); 2, Tuffrust George (7-1); 3, Mrss Capulet (7-1), Dark Oak 2-1 fay, 11 ran, Mr, 41, M W Easterby, Tote: £20,50; £4.60, £1.60, £3.90, DF, £7.39.50, CSF: §52.66.
Tricast: £3.99.28 Placepor £128.50,



Going: standard
1.10 (1m) 1, Beachwood Cottage (B
Doyle, 12-1); 2, Crostry (6-4 fav); 3, Beau
Dade (4-1); 9 ran, NR: Orpen, 2i, nk, A
Balley, Tote: £22.30; £3.00, £1.20, £1.10.
DF: £13.50, CSF: £29.45.
1.40 (1m 27); 1, Alternation (C Rutter, 4-7
tav), 2, Child Star (12-1); 3, Colouring
Book (12-1), 6 ran, 6t, 4f, P Cole, Tote:
£1.10; £1.10, £3.30, DF: £4.80 CSF:
£7.35.

9-4 War Boat, 3-1 Domain, 4-1 Northern Nation, 6-1 Noushy, 8-1 Jeeth gays, 10-1 Dagger Point, 12-1 others.

27.35.
2.10 (1m) 1. Tara's Delight (D Biggs, 4-5 fav); 2. Marseyvide Man (14-1); 3. Marzocco (25-1) 8 ran, 24:1 2. M Ryan, Tote: £1.30; £1.00, £8.90, £13.20, DF: £23.20.
CSF; £13.06.
2.40 (60) 1. Sably's Son (Emma O'Gorman, 11-4); 2. Very Dicey (6-1), 3. Hinan Video (11-2), Rungland 9-4 fav. 7 ran NR: Assignment, Hd. 4t. W O'Gorman, Tote: £3.30; £3.70, £2.10. DF: £16.80, CSF; £18.13. Tricast: £76.45.
3.10 (1m 2) 1, Priticast: Roxanne (P Bowe, 6-1), 2. Littledale (4-1), 3. Modesto (100-30 fav), 14 ran, 61, %1, A Balley, Tote: £10.90; £2.20; £1.60, £2.00, DF: £22.00, CSF; £30.79. Tricast: £87.94, 3.40 (70), 1, Level Up (N Day, 9-2); 2, Kipmi CSF: E30 79. Tricest: E87.94, 3.40 (7) 1, Level Up (IN Day, 9-2); 2, Kipmi (6-1); 3, Invigitate (6-1); Dark Midnight 3-1 lav. 9 ran, Nk, 130. R Guest, Tote: E5.20; E2.10, E4.70, E3.20. DF: E47.40. CSF; E38.49. Trictast: E280.31.
4.10 (Im 50 1, Magic Secret (R Cochrane, B-1); 2, Carangitor (7-1); 3, Javani (6-4); E1.0mmip 7-4 fav. 9 ran. 41, 3; P Hesiam Tote: E5.60; E2.70, E1.20, E1.40. DF E14.40 CSF: E44.66. Tricast: E112.35.



England's young bowlers toil hard for limited reward as batsmen fight back in first Test

### Record stand gives New Zealand a chance of escaping

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN CHRISTCHURCH

THERE are certain harsh realities of playing Test cricket in New Zealand and the young and innocent within England's team were given a prolonged tutorial in them yesterday. It was not quite enough to eliminate all hope of victory, but sufficient to maxim of cricket here still applied: even the poor can

That England have been much the better side in this first Test is beyond dispute. but in New Zealand success is not a natural by-product of superiority. To win here is to win a wearisome battle against lifeless pitches and opponents of strictly limited

Six hours of intense attacking yesterday brought England only five wickers. They needed to take a further nine today, preferably for fewer than the 187 runs which would require them to bat again, if they were to secure a victory in this country for the first time in three tours. They were not expecting gifts.

"I am not saying we will struggle to do it because I don't know how the pitch might play." Micky Stewart. the England team manager. said, "but to my eyes, the only way it has deteriorated so far is if you are trying to bowl on it. Every wicket taken is the result of very hard work."

Stewart would not have needed to reiterate that message in the dressing-room. Certainly not to his new-ball howlers. Lewis and DeFreitas, labouring against dispiriting odds, or to

Tufnell, whose potentially decisive four-wicket spell on Monday was followed by 34 wicketless overs. Christchurch has tradition-

ally been the one ground in this country likely to offer a positive result, but, on the evidence of this week, the Lancaster Park pitch has been brought into line with the featherbed surfaces in Auckland and Wellington.

On days like yesterday, it is not difficult to appreciate why the New Zealand public has deserted Test cricket in droves. It would, however, be quite wrong to claim that the day was entirely an exercise in New Zealand self-denial. They scored only 224 runs from 94 overs, but the morning session yielded 107 runs and more than a few strokes

for the memory chest. They were played by Patel and Cairns, who shared the view that the ostrich policy was not the only way to bat in adversity. Their seventh-wicket stand of 117 was made at



Patel: joined 99 club

#### CHRISTCHURCH SCOREBOARD

New Zealand won toss **ENGLAND** 

First innings: 580 for 9 dec (A J Stewart 148, R A Smith 96, A J Lamb 93, C C Lewis 70).

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First Inning	S				
B R Hartland c Smith b Tufnell	22	6s —	49 2	Min 134	Ball 10
Sat-pad chance to silly mid-off  J G Wright c Lamb b Tufnell  Edged attempted drive at flighted ball	28	-	2	125	9
A H Jones low b Lewis	16	-	-	55	4
M J Greatbatch c Stewart b Tufnell Bat-pad chance to short-leg	11	-	2	66	5
S A Thomson b Tufnell	5	-	1	29	2
D N Patel run out (Pringle/Lewis)	99	2	11	189	13
*M D Crowe c Stewart b Pringle	20	-	· 2	58	5
C L Carns c Hick b Reeve Edged away-swinger to second stip	61	-	11	155	14
†I D S Smith Ibw b DeFreitas	20	-	3	84	6
D K Morrison not out	8	-	-	69	5
C Pringle c Hick b DeFreitas	6	-	1	19	1
Extras (b 1, lb 7, nb 8)	16				
Total (127.4 overs, 496 min)	312 (Harti	and).	3-73 (.	lones),	4-8
(Greatbatch), 5-91 (Thomson), 6-139 (Crowe), (Smith), 10-312 (Pringle)	7 256 (F	atei). E	⊦279 (C	aims).	9-30

BOWLING: DeFreitas 32.4-16-54-2 (8-8-7-0, 7-1-15-0, 5-2-10-0, 6-3-17-0, 1-1-0-0, 5,4-3-5-2), Lewis 30-9-63-1 (nb 7) (6-4-4-0, 4-0-8-0, 9-3-16-1, 9-1-40-0, 2-1-1-0); Pringle 15-2-54-1 (6-1-18-0, 8-1-22-1, 1-0-14-0); Tufnell 39-10-100-4 (nb 1) (319-78-4, 3-0-11-0, 5-1-11-0); Hick 3-0-11-0 (one spell); Reeve 8-4-16-1 (5-3-7-1, 3-1-9-0).

		6s	4s	Min	Balls	
B R Hartland c Smith b Tufneli	45	-	6	126	111	
J G Wright not out	28	-	5	145	122	
D K Morrison not out	0	-	-	18	17	
Extras (lb 4, nb 4)						
Total (1 wkt, 41 overs, 145 min)	81					
A H Jones, "M D Crowe, M J Greatbatch, S A Thomson, D N Patel, C L Cairns, †I D S South and C Principle to bet						

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81 (Hartland) BOWLING: DeFreitas 7-3-12-0 (3-1-3-0, 2-0-9-0, 2-2-0-0); Pringle 7-2-20-0 (nb 3) (one spell); Tufnell 14-7-15-1 (1-1-0-0, 10-3-15-0, 3-3-0-1); Hick 5-2-8-0 (4-1-8-0, 1-1-0-0), Lewis 6-2-14-0 (nb 1) (one spell); Reeve 2-0-8-0 (one spell) (one spell): Tufnell 14-7-15-1 (1-1-0-0, 10-3 0-0), Lewis 6-2-14-0 (nb 1) (one spell): Rec

UMPIRES: B Aldndge and S Dunne.

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almost a run a minute and. quite apart from frustrating and rattling the English bowlers, it was the best for this wicket by New Zealand against England and in any Test on this ground.

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Patel had never shirked his strokes and his disrespectful treatment of Tufnell may have helped his colleagues shed a few inhibitions. He richly deserved a maiden Test century, but sacrificed it in

quite bizarre fashion.

Only eight players in Test history had previously been run out for 99, the last of them Gooch in Melbourne 12 years ago. Even the best of cricket's statistical books do not reveal if anyone has ever suffered this fate while attempting a third run.

As if that was not enough for Patel to curse over, the call had been his and the fielder had been Derek Pringle, who can no longer throw his re-turns but this time managed to bowl the ball back from 50 yards range with pace and accuracy enough to beat Patel's horrified dive.

Cairns batted for a further 35 minutes and his innings of 61 was of a style and authority usually beyond a 21-year old playing his third Tes match. He drives well enough off the front foot, but it is when he stands up. punching the ball through the off side. that he looks a batsman sure to rise considerably higher in

Fittingly, the wicket of one new Test all-rounder was taken by another. Reeve ensured that comparisons with Botham will continue for a while yet by producing a perfect outswinger to snare Cairns with only the eighth ball of his debut.

it was one of the day's mysteries that Gooch chose to bowl Reeve so little. When England had been in the field for 160 overs, Reeve had contributed only eight. The captain, however, had faith in DeFreitas to finish off the tail and, not without difficulty, he obliged, leaving New Zealand to follow on 268 behind and with eight-and-a-half hours cricket left in the match.

Lawrence was sorely missed. His ability to bowl straight, fast yorkers might have dealt more readily with the tail and his extra speed through the air would have been a precious option. Without him, Gooch relentlessly juggled the available resources, not least because signs of fatigue were now evident. Smith and Stewart both spent bruised spells off the field after being struck on the knee and hand respectively while fielding close to the bat. But, for two hours, Wright and Hartland ventured nothing and offered not

a hint of a chance. Twenty minutes before the close. Gooch switched Tufnell's end and it worked, first ball. Hartland was smartly taken left-handed by Smith at silly point. Morrison, the nightwatchman, somehow survived a confident leg-before claim two balls later and Theland ended a footenie day more spring-heeled than had



### **Snell signs for Somerset**

OVERSEAS CRICKET BY SIMON WILDE

firmed that Richard Snell, the Transvaal and South Africa fast bowler, is to be Jimmy Cook's replacement as their overseas player this summer. Snell was offered a contract by the club more than two months ago, but his acceptance was dependent on him successfully completing his examinations at Wits university, which he has now done. bowler from the Transvaal region to join a county for next season, following Lancashire's acquisition of Stephen Jack. There may yet be a third, with Tertius Bosch hav-

SOMERSET have con-

Snell is the second fast ing usurped Craig Matthews. of Western Province, in the interests of Surrey, who are seeking a temporary replacement for Waqar Younis. Jack's early availability for Lancashire is increasingly uncertain as he has been troubled by a tendon injury.

Canterbury won New Zealand's limited-overs trophy, the Shell Cup, in a thrilling final with Wellington, the holders. Wellington were without their captain, Gavin Larsen, for most of the match after he badly gashed a hand while fielding. Coming in at No. 11 with his side needing six runs from five balls, and able to bat only one-handed. he managed just a single before being bowled by Chris

Cairns has also been instrumental in Canterbury moving to the top of the Shell Trophy. In the match with Central Districts, he turned in a fiery spell of fast bowling to claim II wickets, including career-best figures of seven

Terry Alderman, who has been omitted from Australia's provisional World Cup squad, returned to form with a fine display of seam and

HARDLY had good old Bill

McLaren come back to our

screens on Saturday after-

oped between some English

and Scots forwards. Said

Bill, as a large white figure

burst on the scene: "And

there's big Wade Dooley

coming to calm things down." McLaren is the best

commentator and the best

reader of a rugby game in

the business. He wasted no

time letting us remember

that he has a wickedly funny

A few moments later,

Dooley's efforts to calm

things down encouraged

him to hurl himself waist-

high at the back of a Scots

forward who was not in pos-

session of the ball at the

time. Then in The Sunday

Times, Brian Moore, the

England front-row forward

and vice-captain, wrote:

"You need an edge at this

level and to a certain extent

a bit of hate."

sense of humour,

swing bowling as Western Australia drew with Queensland in Brisbane. Alderman took five first-innings wickets for 51. Victoria, the Sheffield Shield holders, continue to lead the table despite narrow-ly failing to beat Tasmania outright in Hobart.

The Melbourne Cricket Ground, which stages the World Cup final on March 25, has opened the Great Southern Stand at a cost of \$100 million

Sydney: The Indian vicecaptain, Ravi Shastri, who injured his left knee during the world series final here on Monday, has been ruled out for the fourth Test against Australia, which starts in Adclaide on Saturday.

Abbas Ali Baig, the manager, said yesterday that the allrounder will undergo surgery here today to determine the extent of the damage and will be out for ten days.

RUGBY UNION

### England's rise is testimony to the Colts system

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

cesses are based on a formidable administrative and coaching pyramid, few can doubt. Colts Rugby is a crucial link in this intricate chain, providing high class rugby, and expert coaching.

The whole Colts set-up owes much to Mike Glogg. until recently their chairman: he has now transferred his attention to the under-21 scene, which was more recently established and is probably less well integrated. He and all concerned with the Colts will have noted with satisfaction that around halfthe side that beat Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday, had progressed through the

Saturday's trial was divided into three half-hour sessions. with an approximate England side faced with spirited opponents whom they defeated 8-4 with two tries, from Perry and O'Leary, both on the wing, to a single try from Francis, following a searing run by the full back, Kefford. Overall, the trial suggested that England Colts will again be strong and have abundant

ber of last year's Daily Mail Under-18 champions, Bisbop Wordsworth's School, was A welcome innovation this

talent in all departments ex-

cept perhaps the back row.

where Richard Hill, a mem-

THAT England's recent suc- are in the squad, including the talented centre or standoff, Diccon Edwards, injured when playing for English Universities in Edinburgh on Friday. Following a final trial held at Wolverhampton, 27 players were picked to repre-sent England Colts in their trial matches against the North and Midlands and the

Heineken second division club, Glamorgan Wanderers, parting company with its ad-Thomas Thomas, aged 41, a former teacher, was appointed as the club's first administrator just ten months ago on a three-year contract. Financial reasons are behind his departure and not the poor

### Five nations' to gain a trophy

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE five nations' championship, which has never received any official title from rugby's authorities, will be played for a trophy next season for the first time. However, the championship will not be required to adopr a new title for the benefit of a

The five nations' committee approved at its last meeting the offer of a new trophy. Hitherto, the committee has shied away from commercial sponsorship for the championship, partly to avoid the sort of name changes which have bedevilled what used to be the League Cup in football and partly to leave individual unions free to make their own marketing arrangements.

Thus, for example, the Royat Bank of Scotland have sponsored Scotland's home games for the last ten years. Save and Prosper have done the same for England for six years. British Gas have taken crown and the wooden spoon.

a specific interest in the England-Wales series and Digital ment with the frish RFU

Albert Agar, one of Enand some thought will have to be given to formalising the "championship" rules, wniich, in 1973, produced a five way tie with every country winning its home matches.

However, the championship as such is as much the invention of the media towards the end of the nineteenth century; that is, after 1883 when the four home unions began to play each other. It took France some time to become acknowledged as part of the championship, and its history is littered with prizes which do not physically exist, such as the grand slam, the triple

#### Legal action in view

STEFAN Marty\_the London Irish second-team captain, whose jaw was broken during last Saturday's game between the club's senior side and Nottingham, is to seek legal advice (David Hands writes). Marty, a teacher, had an operation on Saturday evening and is likely to be off work for ten weeks. He left the field after an

incident involving Gary Rees. the Nottingham flanker

capped 23 times by England. A dub statement yesterday, said Marty had been left with "a broken jaw, loss of teeth and damage to the facial nervous system.

The player is seeking legal. advice on this matter and neither he nor the club will make any further comment." Spectators say the incident provoked little attention at the time, either on or off the

### SNOW REPORTS

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#### **YACHTING**

#### Russia bows out after merger talks finish

FROM KEITH WHEATLEY IN SAN DIEGO

RUSSIA is out of the America's Cup. Last-ditch merger talks between the Red Star '92 group and its Age of Russia splinter party have been abandoned. Officials of the America's

Cup Organising Committee, desperate to get the Russians into the regatta because of the attendant publicity, accept that the dream is over. The final hours of the drama descended into farce, with

calls to the San Diego police

force alleging that the Age of Russia crew had been kidnapped by the rival faction. In fact, they were being entertained to supper by a local financial backer of the Red Star \*92 campaign. "I had to assure the police that I wasn't holding anyone," John Sawicki said. "I told the

police that I had invited the

crew out to dinner." At the other end of the financial spectrum, Bill Koch, the paymaster-skipper of the \$50million America<sup>3</sup> desence syndicate, has dis-

closed a little of his campaign strategy. "Our third boat will be here on February I and we plan to race it in the second defender round robin, beginning a week later," Koch said. fourth yacht arrives in March. "These two boats will be

orientated to the light winds in April and May. They are built for the defender finals and the match itself." The new boats have been extensively tank and wind-tunnel tested, unlike the first models. which were exclusively computer designed.

Defiant and Jayhawk. Koch's present yachts, stand at opposite ends of the results table. Defiant has won all her races. Jayhawk none. Koch, the skipper of Jayhawk, defended his yacht. "She's now an old boat and, because of the dismasting two weeks ago, she has a fairly primitive rig in her. Yet, we were taking time out of Stars & Stripes on the downwind legs and were definitely faster." Koch said.

#### SPORT ON **TELEVISION** THE WEEK IN REVIEW

noon for the start of the BBC's coverage of the five nations' championship at any level in any sport; and if you have it or think than he was giving us probably the quote of the year. A minor scuffle had develyou need it, it ceases to be

> pack up and go home. Note, please, that we are not here talking about two youths, socially deprived, from inner-city areas who might otherwise be joy-riding. Dooley is a policeman. Moore is a solicitor. Maybe both of them

sport and may we all please

should sit down and watch the video and marvel at the skills of Underwood, Guscott and Halliday. For these three, more than any others on the field, showed much of what first-class rugby should be: they never took their eyes off the ball. And then Halliday's jinking run, which would have done credit to a Butterfield or a Gibson, lit-erally and rightly brought the crowd to its feet.

That, not hate and pseudo-macho behaviour, is the errors and uncertainties what rugby should be and which were creeping into No, you do not need hate

gland's new cap. Rodber, had to leave the field after an injury which left him flat out and ominously still for several minutes. Later, he said he thought at first he had broken his neck

. If we do not stop overemphasising the physical side of a great game, then soon, somebody at interna-tional level will get seriously and permanently injured. Full credit to Pierre Berbizier, France's coach, who was quoted over the weekend as telling his players, the forwards in particu-

lar, that he wanted "aggression not violence". I did not notice any change in the BBC's coverage of the rugby in the wake of ITV's successful World Cup showing. There was, in any event, no real need to change what has always been first-class coverage in the former Irish full back, Hugo MacNeill, the BBC has a find. On Saturday, from Dublin, he was fair, calm and he spotted early on in the second half

High time to calm things down what the rugby-playing (and paying) public wants to see. which were, as he predicted.

Later in the game, Ento prove their downfall. to prove their downfall.

Empty seats told two

tales over the weekend. On Sunday, there were plenty of them at Goodison Park. where Everton played Nottingham Foresi. This did not make any difference to those of us on the couch at home, but those who did not go to the ground, and did not watch television, missed a very entertaining

Most amateur commentators will have marvelled at how Everton failed to win, but they will have marvelled equally at the goalkeeping of Neville Southall. One save of his from a pointblank shot was in the Gordon Banks class.

The other empty seats were to be seen at Christchurch, were England where setting about New Zealand in the first cricket Test match. Latest figures suggest that on the rain-delayed third day a mere 500 people turned up. With the World Cup only weeks away, do we need any more evidence that the tail of oneday cricket is wagging the dog of the real thing?

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### Forest have history on their side in replay with Palace

NOTTINGHAM Forest and Crystal Palace will engage in their twelfth cup meeting in the last six years tonight, with a Rumbelows Cup semi-final against Tottenham awaiting the winners of the fifth round

replay at the City Ground.
Forest have lost only one of
those last 11 ties between the
two clubs, when they bowed to an Alan Irvine goal in the third round of the FA Cup in 1987. Significantly, on theirway to three Wembley finals - for the 1989 Simod Cup, the 1990 Littlewoods Cup and last season's FA Cup they beat Palace on the way.

More recently, they can point to a sparkling 5-1 league victory over the London club in November, after which Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, was reported to have offered his

resignation.
That result counts for absolutely nothing now," Brian Clough, the Forest manager, said. "We had to battle for all we were worth to survive at Selhurst Park. We will have our hands full again in the

Forest will again be without defenders Gary Charles and Carl Tiler, who missed Sunday's televised draw at and Andy Payton cup-tied, Goodison Park because of Middleshrough, who hit the hamstring injuries, while woodwork three times at Pe-Nigel Clough sits out the final terborough but could not

game of a three-match England midfield player Geoff Thomas is expected to shake off an ankle injury to

take his place in the Palace team. Defender Eric Young remains under suspension and Paul Mortimer is cuptied, so forward Jamie Morales, aged 20, may be added to the travelling squad. Coppell remains confident that Palace can reach the

semi-final of the competition for the first time. "If we let Forest play, they are capable of murdering us, but if we can assert our game on them there is no reason why we can't pull it off," he said. Chris Turner hopes to mark the first anniversary of

his appointment as manager of Peterborough United by steering the third division club to victory in the Rumbelows Cup replay at Middlesbrough.

"It has been a good year but there is still a lot to do, although we could hardly have a bigger replay incentive at Ayresome Park than the prospect of a semi-final meeting with Manchester Uni-ted," he said.

from influenza before naming his Manchester United side, which will have Robson With Bernie Slaven injured in midfield but will lack centre half Steve Bruce who has a groin injury, missing his first game of the season.

score, will be relying on Paul Wilkinson for goals. Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, who takes his team to Old Trafford tonight for a re-arranged first division match, believes Bryan Robson's return from injury could prove vital to Manchester United's prospects of winning the league championship for the first time in 25 years.
"A fit Robson could be the deciding factor in the title race," said the former United manager, who took Robson to Old Trafford ten years ago,

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Balancing the books: Leading British gymnasts, Sarah Mercer and Peter Bowler, got together yesterday to celebrate a new sponsor for the British Amateur Gymnastic Association's proficiency scheme (Peter Aykroyd writes). Pedigree Petfoods took over the scheme, with the assurance of continued support for the next five years. Coca-Cola had provided the

ponsorskip for nine years.

aged seven to 15, have learnt basic skills and movements through the scheme, which is now known as the Kitekat Awards for gymnastics.

Its programme is simple yet effective. There are six sequential grades, each containing ten exercises. The young gymnast must be able to satisfactorily perform at least six of the

exercises to earn a badge. The programme was developed to encourage the natural physical ability

of children, and to satisfy all basic levels of achievement. It provides its young participants a personal incentive to progress at their own rate.

The awards are used in 34,000 schools, clubs and dance classes throughout the country. The scheme has been extended recently to cater for pre-school children and children with special needs. It is also being em-ployed successfully by 69 other

**ICE SKATING** 

#### **Conway polishes** her act calmly

FROM JOHN HENNESSY IN LAUSANNE

JOANNE Conway, the British figure skating champion. had a conspicuous spectator. conspicuously situated at one end of the rink, for her praceryone, with people being European championships. She was Surya Bonaly, the

Bonaly was the only European placed above Conway in the world championships last year and might reasonably regard the British woman as the main threat to her position this week. If psychological pressure was intended, it failed in its purpose. "That shows she's worried about

with an unworried shrug of the shoulders.

er times she succeeded with four triple jumps. The jumps are particularly

important to Conway. She is an incomparably more polished skater than Bonaly, virtually an acrobat on skates, who spends too little time on true running edges, but the French woman is a firecracker of a performer with a quadruple jump in her repertoire. Conway, then, cannot afford to concede too much on the athletics side of the balance sheet. All this presupposes that another skater, Marina Kielmann, for example, does not put a German oar in.

Conway and Christopher Dean have made changes to her choreography since her unimpressive victory in the British championships in Hull. "It's basically more fluid now," she explained. "And provides more speed going into the jumps. If the steps are too intricate, they slow you

Her ambition here? "A medal of any colour would be brilliant," she said, as simply

SQUASH RACKETS

#### **Beeson** returns to glory days

By COLIN McQUILLAN

BRYAN Beeson's extraordinary involvement with the national championship continued at Manchester when he reached his third final of the event with a crisp and measured 10-8, 9-4, 9-3 dismissal of Chris Walker from their 52-minute semi-final.

Beeson, now aged 31, and back living happily in his native Tyneside after a flirtation with southern climes. first entered upon the national scene when he took time off from his job as a hospital engineer in Gateshead to visit the 1984 championships held in Sheffield. His almost social first-round entry developed day by day, with Beeson calling his employers for more extended leave with every win, until he lost the final in straight games to Geoff

From that he gained a modest sponsorship and built a solid professional career. He became a widely respected England captain, won the national title in 1986, and reached another final in

When Beeson lost to Del Harris in 1989, in front of a capacity home crowd baying for his success, it was after a succession of late-night fightbacks that left him unable to compete properly beyond a do-or-die two-game opening against the then golden hope of the domestic

This year, with the event sponsored by the Fight for Sight charity in pursuit of a heightened profile in the North-West, Beeson benefited from the disappointing performance of Harris, the second seed this year, in the third round, and the injury to the promising Tony Hands at the same stage.

Seeded tenth, just as when he beat Mark Maclean for the 1986 title, Beeson calmly contained the workmanlike assault of John Ransome, the beneficiary of Harris's disinterest, and exploited the frenetic play of Walker in the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, the famous Guernsey duo, Martine Le Moignan and Lisa Opie, who have collectively missed only two finals since 1980, lost to Suzanne Horner and Sue

Horner removed Le Moignan from the quarter-finals and Cassandra Jackman, the junior world champion, from a combative 62-minute semi-final. Wright avenged her loss of the last British Open final by dispatching Opie in a 38-minute

straight-games semi-final. England's other world junior champion, Simon Parke, fell in 82 minutes to the top seed, Peter Marshall, who had emerged without apparent damage from a highly mobile two-hour quarter-final against Paul Gregory, the dogged defending champion. RESULTS: Semi-finals: Merr: P Menshell (Leca) bit S Parke (Yorkshire), 9-8, 9-2, 9-1; B Beeson (Northumbris) bit C Walker (Essex), 10-8, 9-4, 9-3, Woment: S Homer (Yorkshire) bit C Jackmen (Norfolk), 6-9, 10-9, 5-9, 9-4, 9-6; S Winght (Kent) bit J. Ople (Nots), 9-5, 9-5, 9-5, 9-5.

### Director issues player warning

A CRYSTAL Palace director, after Robert Maxwell saved Simon Hume-Kendall, has threatened to shelve his survival plans for debt-ridden Aldershot unless the fourth division club's players "get their act together and stop

behaving like spoilt brats". Hume-Kendall, a prospective buyer, angrily denied rumours that the players' wages were to be halved. Subject to High Court approval, the London chartered accountants, Stoy Hayward, are expected to be appointed administrators this week.

Hume-Kendall said: "The players were so alarmed as to how the last administrators froze all funds, they asked Stoy Hayward for guarantees

— which they could not give.

"Aldershot are 92nd in the League. It is about time they started playing football — that is the only way they will guarantee bigger crowds." George Berry, a defender

and a member of the players union committee, said: "The PFA have put cash totalling six figures into Aldershot and are keen to see what is going "Whatever has to be done

to save the club must be done. No one is oigger than the ☐ Oxford United expect to have new owners, possibly by the end of the week, 11 years

Late results on Monday

Little results on Monday

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Cooke 18, Darlow 14).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York Knicks 105, Indiana Paders 97;
Boston Cettles 107, Cleweland Cavaliers 102; Los Angeles Laters 116, Seattle SuperSonics 116, Golden State Marrians 125, Charlotte Homete 119; Philadelphia 76ers 99, Washington, Bullers 91; Alexani. Heat 121, Minnesota Temberwohes 106.

them from liquidation.
Pat McGeough, the club's only active director, has been conducting negotiations behind closed doors for a month and today he said that they had been completed and an announcement would be made in a few days.

Copenhagen: The forward, Brian Landrup, has made his peace with the national coach, Richard Moeller Nielsen, and says he is ready to play for Denmark again.

"I have full confidence

again in Richard Moeller Nielsen as leader of the Danish team," he said after a reconciliatory meeting with the coach. (Agencies)

Kuala Lumpur: Asia's federation may open its doors to four or five former Somet republics, its secretary said

yesterday.
Some of the republics in Asia had sent out feelers about membership in the Asian Football Confederation, the secretary, Peter Velappan, said at the opening

of a four-day seminar. The position of these countries would be sorted out later, depending on their acceptance by the United Nations, the International Olympic Committee and football's world governing body, Fifa, Velappan said. (Agencies)

#### **Premier** League impasse

Atkinson keeps the side that lost 1-0 at home to Shef-

field Wednesday on Saturday

with Les Sealey, the former

United goalkeeper, retaining

his place despite being heavi-

ly fined for his much

publicised verbal assault on

the match officials at the end

of the game. "We decided he

would have the punishment

and then be judged on his playing record," Atkinson said.

Alex Ferguson will wait to see whether England defend-er Paul Parker has recovered

THE possibility of the FA Premier League getting FA Council approval on February 20 is beginning to look remote (Peter Ball writes). A five-hour meeting yesterday between the Football Association, Premier League and Football League at Lancaster Gate ended in impasse.

Rick Parry, the Premier League's chief executive des ignate, and Gordon McKeag, the Football League president, have to return to their constituent clubs to discuss options on the key issue of how the Premier League will reduce from 22 clubs to 20. The Football League insists that it has an agree-ment that three clubs will be promoted each year, while the Premier League says that only two should be relegated during the transition.

Graham Kelly, the Football Association chief executive, said last night: "We discussed various options and the first division and Football League have agreed to take the matter away and look at it again." The parties have agreed to meet again on February 4.

Unless agreement is reached then, it seems unlikely that they will have an agreement to present to the FA Council meeting on February 20.

BADMINTON

WORLD STANDINGS: Men: 1, AS Minnete (Indo), 600pts; 2, H Susento (Indo), 800; 3, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 260; 4, 7 Stuer-Lauridaen (Den), 240; 5, 2 Jianhan (Chrina), 200; 6 equat, K-Hak-tyun (S Kor), A Jae-chang (S Kor) and F Kok Koong (Mal), 160; 8, F Percendi, (Indo), 140; equal 10, S Kutasaamidi (Thei) and Y Meng Kwen (Mal), 155. Women: 1, Y Sentioso (Indo), 320; 2, S Susandi (Indo), 300; 3, C Magnusson (Sve), 250; equal 4, A Miyamura (Japan), and Y Zhaoying (Chris), 200; 6, E Coene (Neth), 175; 7, H Kohara (Japan), 160; equal 8, S Kusumswerchen (Indo) and L Heung-Soon (S Kor), 140; 10, D Julien (Can), 135.

RACKETS

SCHOOLS RESULT: Rupby (A Carter and H Green) bt Radley (J Counts and E Behn), 15-2, 15-10, 7-15, 15-2, 15-1.

HENDERSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: Mariborough Magicians bt Cheltenham Cotswold Racteds Club, 8-7. (Mariborough names first): P White and H Remick bt S Burns-Cox and R Stoploof, 15-8, 15-5, 14-17, 8-15, 15-9, 7-15, 17-16; J Cane and P Monshen lost to S Edmunds and J Loriner, 15-10, 10-15, 15-3, 8-15, 12-15, 15-0, 15-18.

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About six million budding gymnasts,

#### Scheme aims to improve skills

By JOHN GOODBODY

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So far, 250,000 youngsters

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signed by Prince Philip, the president of the CCPR, which

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support for British athletics

after a seven-year link. The

withdrawal is a blow after the

loss of the grand prix sponsor,

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"There is incentive for ev-

confidence.

MILLIONS of schoolchildren will have the challenge of a new sports skills incentive scheme, launched yesterday by the Central Council of Physical Recreation (CCPR).

The National Pentathlete Award scheme, which has been successfully run at Butlin's Holiday camps since 1984 and will be sponsored for about £100,000 by the company, is to be developed and extended for use in schools, youth clubs and sports centres in Britain.

The activities involved are: archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, cricket, fitness, football, hockey, netball, orienteering, snooker, swimming, table tennis, tennis and trampolining. Youngsters are required, in five out of the 15 sports, to achieve a standard set down by the governing bodies at bronze, silver and gold levels.

Fatima Whitbread, the former world athletics champion, who retired from javelin last week, said: "What I like about this scheme is that young people will be coming black French holder of the

me," was Conway's reaction,

All the same, it was a curate's egg of a practice, which is not necessarily any guide to what might happen when the gun goes for the first element of the women's competition, the original programme, on Friday. Conway made only a desultory attempt at her routine, apart from a dazzling

spin combination, but at oth-

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE** Pact aims to bring about unity

RUGBY League yesterday moved towards unity with the announcement of a pact between the game's professional and amateur bodies. The new partnership, described by the Rugby Football League (RFL) chief executive. David Oxley. as a "rebirth of the game", aims to sort out contentious issues of coaching, youth and development.

Youth rugby, in particular, has been cloaked in controversy since the British Amateur Rugby League Asso-ciation (BARLA) was formed nearly 20 years ago. This season, the RFL's formation of an under-18 academy provoked a bitter dispute which threatened to split the game.

Now, following a series of meetings between officials from both bodies, there could be amalgamation by the 1995 centenary year. It could mean all amateur sides taking part in the preliminary stages of the Challenge Cup and the game having an association football-like pyramid structure, which successful teams could climb and join

the League. The BARLA chief executive, Maurice Oldroyd, said: This partnership is between two bodies walking in tandem and building on their respective strengths for the future good of the game."

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Amanda Grunfeld: tour victory in Swindon

CAMPOSE HOME-INTERNATIONAL SERVER England by Wales, 23-7, 17-13, 17-13; Scotland by Ireland, 15-15, 19-11,

FOOTBALL Barclays League First division

Manchester Utd v Aston Villa (8.0) Rumbelows Cup Fifth-round replays

Micdesbrough v Peterborough..... Notim Forest v Crystal Palace ...... Tennents Scottish Cup Third round Aberdeen v Rangers (8.0). BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier division: VS Rugby v Figher. Southern division: VS Rugby v Figher. Southern division: Hythe v Beldock.
PONTURS CENTRAL LEAGUE First division: Blackburn v Sunderland (7.0); Billion: V Bernestle v Floriethern (7.0); Wester V Coversity (7.0); Newcastle v Roberthy (7.0); Second Brostmict: v Bradford (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Stunthorpe (7.15); Huddersfield v Oldhum; Middlesbrough v Wigan (7.0); Wolverhampton v Port Vale (7.0); York v Biscelpool (7.0); NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION; Fulham v Tottenham (2.0).

RUGBY UNION CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University V RAF: Lydney v Chellentiam (7.0); Oxfordshire v Catord University (al Oxford RFU, 7.15).

RUGBY LEAGUE UNDER-19 REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: North East v North West (at Bradford, 7.50).

OTHER SPORT ECOUNG: British super-middle eliminator: Nicky Piper (Cardiff) v Frank Eubania (Bradford) (at Star LC, Cardiff). ICE HOCKEY: Graet British v France (Humberside, 8.0).

STUTTGART: Str-day race (positions after lifth night): 1, D Clerk (Aux) and P Bincoletto (N), 320 points; 2, R Stumpl (Gar) and B Holenweger (Switz), 306, one lap behind; 3, A Kappes (Gar) and E de Wilde (Bel), 258, 1; 4, S Tourne (Bel) and J Veggetty (Den), 236, 1; 5, C Wolf and A Klaus (Gar), 327, 4.

**REAL TENNIS** 

CLUB MATCH: MCC bt Moreton Morrell, 41 st Lord's, MCC names first): \$ Leigh bt P Holland, 65, 65; P Hopkins bt P Wilson-Gunn, 63, 5-6, 65; P Allen bt M Braddell, 6-4, 6-3; B Sharp lost to \$ Lavin, 2-5, 6-0, 4-6; R Davies bt K Lavin, 6-2, 6-1.

**RUGBY LEAGUE** STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP:

**RUGBY UNION** REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Northern Division U-21 37, Anti-Assessins 6.

SKING ALPINE WORLD CUP: Women: Glant s'ritom: 1, V Schweider (Switz), 340; 2, C Merle (Fr), 311; 3, D Compagnoni (II), 284; 4, D Roffle (US), 210 5, E Twentokers (US), 174 6, U Majer (Austria), 154, Overall: 1, Schneider, 700pts; 2, P Kronberger (Austria), 573; 3, Merle, 504.

**SQUASH RACKETS** MANCHESTER: Pight for Sight national championships: Semi-finals; Men: P Marshall (Leics) bit 3 Parks (Yorks), 9-6, 9-6, 9-1; B Beeson (Northumbris) bit C Walter (Essex), 10-6, 9-4, 9-3; Women: 3 Homer (Yorks) bit C Jackman (Nortok), 6-9, 10-9, 5-9, 9-4, 9-5; Swight (Kent) bit L Opie (Notte), 9-5, 9-6, 9-0.

8WINDON: British Tour: Seventh round: Men's final: P Hend (Bertshire) bt N Fulwood (Derbystere), 6-4, 6-3. Women's final: A Grunteld (Lenceshire) bt V Lake (Devon), 7-6, 4-6, 6-1. Somes pool positions: Wett: 1, Hend, 861; 2, \$ Cole (Surrey), 660; 3, A Rouse (Essent), 300. Women: 1, Grunteld, 300; 2; Lake, 260; 3, C Altred (South Wales), 250.

#### MALATISPORT (NEBBLE .... Britain to play India

India, the Olympic hockey champions on eight occa-sions, are to be Great Britain's opponents in the Minet Insurance Challenge Match at Milton Keynes on May 16.

Of the 28 matches played between the two teams, which are in the same pool at the Barcelona Olympic Games, Britain have won five.

Slalom postponed Skiing: World Cup officials postponed a men's giant slalom race for 24 hours yester-

Switzerland. ☐ The German federation has offered cash incentives to win medals at the Winter Olympic Games in Albert-

Peugeot's Warwick Motor sport: Derek Warwick, of Britain, will race with

Players dismissed Drugs in sport: Three Polish Olympic ice hockey players have tested positive for banned drugs and been dismissed from the team. Miroslaw Copija, Zbigniew Podlipni and Janusz Syposz

all deny taking the testoster-

one hormone.

### Hampshire join

Bowls: Hampshire will join the Simba Home Counties indoor league next season, when the eight counties will play in two groups. A play-off on a neutral green will decide the champions.

Holligan defends Boxing: Andy Holligan, of Liverpool, the unbeaten British and Commonwealth light-welterweight champion, defends his titles against Tony McKenzie, of Leicester, at the Everton Park Sports Centre on February 27.

Lineker's honour Football: Gary Lineker, the day because of fog on the England captain, has been Kuonisbergli course in awarded a degree by the

ersity of Leicester. Clubs must answer Rugby League: St Helens and Featherstone Rovers are Peugeot in this year's world sportscar championship. Warwick will test the Peugeot to appear before the game's 905 in practice this week. disciplinary committee today following a brawl near the end of the Stones Bitter

> three players were dismissed. Wiranata dear

Badminton: Ardy Wiranata, winner of the Japan Open at the weekend, has increased his lead at the top of the world standings.

championship game when

university in his home town.

Lineker, aged 31, the Totten-

ham Hotspur and former

Leicester City forward, has

received an honorary Master

of Arts degree from the Univ-

### THE TIMES SP()RT

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Broadside from British athletics captain

### Christie refuses to run against South Africans

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

the South Africans' return.

Expecting that the IAAF

would welcome them back.

British officials had already

jumped the gun by organising the match in Cape

Town and a return fixture,

the TSB Classic, in Edin-

view of his team-mate, John

Regis, that there needs to be

more political change in the

republic before he competes there, insists the British feder-

ation is showing undue haste

in embracing the South

compete in either of the

mind my age. I've kept myself

physically very fit." Sanderson was expected to

retire after her injury prob-lems at the Seoul Olympics

but carried on after extensive

treatment on her back. "I

want the country to remem-

ber they still have an Olympic

champion amund." she said.

between

comeback.

for the future.

Of the supposed animosity

"A lot of the so-called ill-

feeling between Fatima and

me was blown out of propor-

She was seen chatting to

Whitbread at a sponsorship

launch in London vesterday

and said: "I sent a card to her

when she first got injured. I

thought it was great when it

looked as if she would make a

but I know the sort of trauma

she must have had with the

injuries and I wish her luck

"It's sad that she has gone

herself and

"There is no way I will

But Christie, sharing the

burgh the following month.

LINFORD Christie will Christie's indignant comments, made in an exclusive refuse to run for Britain against South Africa this year interview with Athletics Today magazine, due out tomorand predicts that the rest of row, were revealed yesterday the black athletes in the national team will also boycott on the eye of the International Amateur Athletic Federation the planned international in council meeting in Mexico the republic in May. The Great Britain captain City, which could sanction

Now Sanderson is

planning to retire

TESSA Sanderson an- I could win it again? Never

is furious that British officials have organised a match in Cape Town on May 23 and 24 without consulting the athletes and believes they could be faced with the embarrassment of having to send an all-white team if the match goes ahead.

"I predict that no black athletes will compete in South Africa - and what sort of national team will Britain have?" Christie said. "Black athletes make up half the

Christie was angered that the match has been pencilled in even before the South Africa has been readmitted to the

nounced yesterday that she

will retire from athletics at the

end of this season — just a week after Fatima Whitbread, the other half of

Britain's great javelin double

act. announced her

Unlike Whitbread, her pe-

rennial foe who has been de-

feated by injury, Sanderson,

aged 35. the 1984 Olympic

own serious back problems

and insists that she is a seri-

ous contender in Barcelona

this summer. If selected, it

would be her fifth successive

Games, a record for a British

Sanderson was encouraged

to believe that she can win

another gold medal on Au-

gust I after beating the world

record holder, Petra Felke, on

the way to the European Cup

title last summer. "The win in

Frankfurt showed me I can

'Wouldn't it be awesome if

still beat the best," she said.

woman Olympian.

can't believe nobody thought about consulting the athletes on such a sensitive issue. They have acted in a very insensitive way.

"Our team is racially integrated and I think all the athletes should have been called together and asked for their opinion. If necessary, there could have been a secret ballot. After all these years of representing Britain and of being asked to act as an ambassador, it is sad to think the officials don't really care about the athletes. I am very disappointed.

Christie, who is warm-weather training in Australia, said he had not even heard about the proposed match until contacted by a

"What makes it worse," he said, "is that the decision was made before the IAAF had met to finally approve South Africa's readmission. It is wrong that Britain is seen as so desperate for a match in South Africa."

☐ South African-born Mark Plaatjes was yesterday announced as the first leading signing for the ADT London Marathon in April. The controversial 30-year-old, who has applied for American citizenship after living in the United States since 1988, wanted to compete in the World Cup in London last year, but leading international officials would not confirm his eligibility to run.

Marathon organisers admitted that there was still an "unlikely possibility" that Plaatjes would be allowed to compete in the American preference to London. But they are confident that the man who has never finished lower than fourth in any of his eight marathons will be on

Plaatjes, officially labelled as "Coloured" in South Africa, fled to America after his celebrity status in the republic caused him problems. He found little favour with the white authorities or many of the black population in the townships who accused him of collaborating with the ruling regime.

the start line on April 12.



Out of reach: an edge from Hartland eludes Lamb as New Zealand hit back on the fourth day of the first Test in Christchurch

### England aching for Lawrence

IN CHRISTCHURCH

AS ENGLAND'S painstaking battle to win the first Test against New Zealand reached its climax here this morning, the man who might have won them the game more easily was still anxiously trying to rescue his tour from David Lawrence, much the

fastest bowler on either side. faces the prospect of returning home without bowling remaining bowlers toiled

ital Kids Cricket (CKC) to

introduce the game to

London primary and second-

ary schoolchildren took a sig-

nificant step forward yesterday at the MCC indoor

school at Lord's, when eight

boroughs were represented in

an under-11 competition

Robert Atkins, the minister

for sport, Tom Graveney,

(Richard Streeton writes).

another ball on this cluttered CRICKET CORRESPONDENT trip unless he proves his fitness in the next few days.

Lawrence has not played, nor done anything more strenuous than a gentle run, since straining his left side in Napier a formight ago. Prior to that he had made an early impact on this, his first senior tour, with controlled fast bowling which might have made a crucial difference, even on the unresponsive

pitch at Lancaster Park.

a draw as the likelier result, rehabilitation. He had a second cortisone injection on more precise than the first. and still hopes to play in the next game, against Central Districts, which starts at New

London schools," Haydn

Turner, the CKC chairman,

said. "But we were none the

less horrified to discover that

not one primary or secondary

school in Westminster played

even the most basic form of

Yesterday's winners of the

eight-a-side competition were

St Paul's, Walworth, who

beat Honeywell, Battersea in

the final by 43 runs.

cricket."

Nippers have big day at Lord's

Clive Lloyd and Eric Russell,

joined the youngsters at an

event made possible by a grant of £83,300 from the

Foundation for Sports and

the Arts. CKC held the inau-

gural event last year for West-

minster schools. Next winter

all 17 London boroughs will

that cricket had reached an

alarmingly low ebb in

"When we started we knew

take part

England finalise their squad through six hours for only five New Zealand wickets, leaving Lawrence was continuing his Sunday, thought to have been-Plymouth on Friday. If he misses that match, his chances of playing again in this country are remote, all

that remain afterwards are two more Test matches before

of 14 for the World Cup.
The heavyweight with the customary ready smile has been a sad sight these past few days, plainly fearing he has missed his chance, but today the management wasoffering encouragement Laurie Brown, the team's physiotherapist, said: "I am

hoping he will be able to bowl in the nets the day before the New Plymouth game. He is such a keen lad that we have to be very careful with him." Micky Stewart, the team.

manager, added: "It would next game but it is not impos-sible that he could be chosen for a Test match with no previous cricket. In this current match he would have given us important variety."

England survived one further injury scare yesterday when their vice captain, Alec Stewart, was struck painfully on the right hand while fielding at short leg. He left the field and was examined by a doctor, who confirmed that no bones were broken.

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#### Cantona signs on loan

BY IAN ROSS

ERIC Cantona, the talented but volatile French international forward, is to join Sheffield Wednesday on loan until the end of the season. Caritona has been lured out

of self-imposed retirement by the prospect of a permanent move to the South Yorkshire club if he can convince Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager, that he has the temperament to prosper in the English first division.

Cantona, aged 26, is scheduled to train later this week with Wednesday's senior squad and Francis confirmed yesterday that he has already negotiated a transfer fee with Nimes, the French club.

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"A fee has been agreed if we do wish to make the deal a permanent one at the end of the current season." Francis said. "Initially, the idea is for him to come over here and for us to have a close look at him and vice versa."

Cantona, who has scored 12 goals in 20 appearances for France, joined Nimes from Marseilles for £1 million at the start of the season but announced his retirement from professional football in November after encountering disciplinary problems.

After receiving a onemonth suspension for throwing the ball at a referee. Cantona so incensed the disciplinary committee of the French League, which had been convened to discuss his actions, that the sentence was doubled. It was not the first time that the self-styled "enfant terrible" of French football had been in trouble.

Although Francis has been seeking to sign a forward of experience and proven ability since David Hirst sustained a serious thigh muscle injury, Cantona is regarded as a possible partner for the England international rather than a short term rep-

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### Aerial ping-pong is not a pretty

AFTER the high ball comes the long ball. No, we are not talking about cocktails, nor indeed the style of play which has brought fame. some might say notoriety, to Wimbledon Football Club, but tactical fashion in rugby One of the main talking

points of rugby's World Cup last autumn was the use, and abuse, of the high ball the bomb, the Garryowen, the chandelle. On Saturday at Murrayfield, the conversation moved on to the long ball, kicked from one full back to the other in an attempt to make yardage and derive the benefit of the throw at lineouts. Consider now these two

statements: "Tactics are not

their very existence, on their "Kicking doesn't have to lose possession, but it must be used wisely."

The first was written in 1906 by those two remarkable New Zealanders, Dave Gallaher and Billy Stead, in The Complete Rugby Footballer. The second comes from the recent Rugby Football Union video, Winning Rugby, compiled by Don Rutherford.

In short, variety is the spice of life, and both during the World Cup and England's victory over Scotland at the weekend, many spectators felt they were not getting quite enough spice. You could blame Australians of the last decade, I suppose, for being so proficient at high tics have been revived by others, so avidly in fact that the lawmakers now seek ways of reducing the num-ber of high balls in case of

injury to the catcher. The high ball, though, has always been with us - rugby's answer, you might say, to cricket's bouncer. The long ball is the result of analysis of the law which does not force players caught inadvertently offside to retreat if they are not within ten metres of the defender who receives the ball. Of the two, it would be preferable to revise the lat-

ter and thereby open the way to greater movement with the ball in hand. It is ironical, too, that Scotland, via the powerful boot of Gavin Hastings, should join the long-ball exponents, givattack by such players as Andy Irvine and Jim Renwick ten years ago. Ian McGeechan shrugged

a little ruefully after Saturday's game at Murrayfield: "I have always believed you kick for a purpose," Scotland's coach said. "If you do it properly, you should regain possession, but with the ten-metre rule as it is at the moment, it doesn't become easy to run the ball

Rugby's long ball happens when a player fields the ball in his own half but outside his own 22, which means that he cannot kick direct to the touchline. He therefore kicks long downfield, hop-ing to piu his opposite number near the touchline and in the knowledge that his own colleagues may adof the catcher and cut off his options. Ideally the return kick is much shorter, and gives one side both a gain in round and the throw at the

At Murrayfield, Jonathan Webb and Rob Andrew boomed kicks away and Hastings boomed them back. The result was an aerial ping pong, of the kind upon which some bodies. among them Scotland's relerees advisory pariel, have already cast a dubious eye.

"It can spoil the game." Jim Fleming, Scotland's leading referee, said. It is also a distinctly negative at-titude to adopt. Gallaher and Stead stressed, 86 years ago, the need for the ballcarrieralways to be supported. They were not wrong then: nor are they now.

### Schoolgirl in British ski team for Olympics



Carrick-Anderson: picked

By David Powell

YOUTH fought back against experience yesterday when Emma Carrick-Anderson was named as the youngest skier for 16 years to represent Britain at a Winter Olympics. Aged 16, she will compete in three Alpine events at the Albertville Games next month. In November, Britain chose Divina Galica, aged

47. for its speed-skiing team. When Galica was selected, to set an Olympic record span of 28 years since she first competed in the Games, Carrick-Anderson had not even begun to consider that she might be an Albertville contender.

"The thought arose not much before Christmas." Chris Carrick-Anderson, her

father, said yesterday.Her progress has been swift. With the determination that she used to persuade her parents to send her to school in Austria when she was 15, though she had only a third-year's command of German, she has, since Christmas, risen

326th in the giant slalom world rankings. Last weekend, she won the Steiermark regional giant slalom and slalom titles as the only non-Austrian in the field.

more than 100 places from

"i want to be a World Cup racer but I knew it would be hard living in Britain," Carrick-Anderson said yesterday. The idea came to her when she compared well in junior international races against skiers from the Alpine na-

tions. "She decided she wanted to go to school in Austria because otherwise the gap. was going to widen," her father said. She has been selected for the slalom, giant slalom and combined events.

Sarah Lewis, the British Alpine team director, said that Carrick-Anderson might be added to the super giant slaiom and the downhill events, but the young Scot will decline. "I am only 16 and do not want to do the downhill and super-G at the moment," she said.

"She is good in all four disciplines," Lewis said. "She has a sound technical base, which helps her in the combined events, and a good feel for speed which helps her in the technical events and means she is not living on the

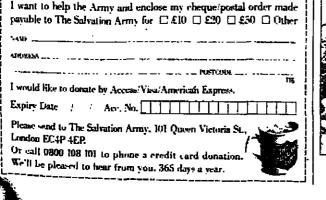
fear of going fast." A skier since the age of two, she is also the youngest British team member from across the sports. The British Olympic Asso-

ciation's tightening of standards for Games selection has had no adverse affect on the ski team and ten Alpine racers were named. According to a BOA spokeswoman, all attained the set minimum target of International Ski Federation points. They include Martin Bell, who has been struggling to find his best form after finishing eighth in the 1988 Calgary Games, the best position ever by a British Olympic downhiller Ronald Duncan

leads the team. Bell and his brother, Graham, have missed recent · World Cap downhills to try to regain their confidence elsewhere. Now both are in the team, they plan to compete in the Wengen World Cup race

"The have both had top 15 World Cup results and are disappointed that they are not at that level at the moment," Lewis said. "But they are realistic enough to know that they must eat the elephant in small bits rather than try to whoof it down."

TEAM: Alphre: Men: M Bell (London), G Bell (Henley), R Disnoan (Dundon), S Edwards (Minthope); G Forsylli (Stock-port), B Geylood (London), S Langrasis (Investees), Women: E Carrier-Anderson (Dundons), Women: E Carrier-Anderson (Dundons), G de Pourtales (London), V Scott. (Edmbusph), Freestyle: Mere Belgnes (Condonought), M - Hushison (Calad, M. Listnick J. London), M Manor (Classishurs), Women: J Curry (London)



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